



# Autistic teenager's mother drives 90 miles a day to take him to his college

The mother of an autistic teenager is having to travel 90 miles a day to take him to college because she claims she is unable to get help from Bridgend County Borough Council (CBC) special needs transport department.

Mrs Ann Telling, who lives in Acland Road, Bridgend, drives her son David all the way to Beechwood College in Sully three times a week.

The trip is 45 miles there and back, and with a pick-up required six hours later, it means she clocks up 90 miles in a single day.

Six years ago, when the family first lived in Bridgend, David attended Heronsbridge School, but Mrs Telling said that it did not provide the sort of help that David needed, so when the family returned to Bridgend after a spell in Lancashire, she applied for a place at

Beechwood.

"Careers Wales helped with the application, although I don't think they were happy we were applying. They initially didn't apply for transport help - I believe because the man thought we wouldn't be successful in getting in.

"They only applied last July when they knew David had got a place and was starting in September."

Mr Telling was made redundant in February 2009, and the family are reliant on benefits.

Now, they have spent the last of their savings on a car to take David to Beechwood.

"We take him three days a week, but after Easter that goes up.

"With the cost of fuel going up, we need transport help more than ever. David cannot access public transport because he has sensory processing disorder."

This sensory processing disorder means that David can be "overwhelmed" by a lively and noisy classroom, or

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by travelling on public transport. The family believe that the Sully college is best equipped to deal with this.

Mrs Telling continued: "The Assembly Member Peter Black was helpful and wrote to CBC and the Assembly.

"However, we have been told David doesn't qualify for help from social services because he is 18 and his IQ is over 70."

Mrs Telling believes special needs transport should provide transport until David is 19.

Despite suffering from Asperger's syndrome, David enjoys playing computer games, watching You Tube, cooking, and rock-climbing - the latter an activity inspired at Beechwood.

Mrs Telling says the college has helped to build up David's confidence and she feels it is likely to be able to take him onto a new level of development.

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A spokesman for Careers Wales said the organisation understood that transport to college was a concern for par-

ents because of the impact on access to education.

"Careers Wales has responsibility for preparing and submitting applications for funding for specialist college placements to the Welsh Assembly, and we deal with a number of these each year.

"We were surprised and disappointed to read that Mrs Telling felt that we were not happy that her son was applying for a specialist college placement.

"The advisers who supported David and his family through the process were in regular contact with them and worked diligently to gather supporting information and present a strong case that secured the funding for David to attend Beechwood College in Sully."

The spokesman continued: "We wrote to CBC on behalf of the family to request a taxi to transport David to college promptly after receiving verbal notification that the funding for Beechwood had been approved.

"It would not have been possible for us to support David in applying for assistance with transport at an earlier point, as funding for a

college place must be secured before an application is made.

"In the two months following the initial application for transport funding, we contacted the local authority and the Assembly's Department for Children Education Lifelong Learning and Skills on numerous occasions to press home the importance of David getting a taxi for his journey from Bridgend to Sully."

The spokesman said advisers were in touch with Mrs Telling on a weekly basis to keep her up-to-date with the situation.

He added: "Providing transport funding for students in education over the age of 16 is at the discretion of the local authority.

"When CBC made the decision to refuse the request for a taxi, we understood that the authority offered financial assistance for the family to transport David to college themselves."

A CBC spokesman said: "David was a pupil at Heronsbridge School, but left in February 2008 when his family moved from the area."

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ABOVE: David Telling flanked by mum Ann and father Alan.

## Lease granted for new skate park location

**MORE than 200 Porthcawl residents objected to proposals to lease land at Heol y Goedwig to Porthcawl Town Council so that the new skateboard park can be built.**

The land is owned by CBC and it advertised its intention to lease the land to the town council, which is spending more than £80,000 on building the park.

Despite the objections, Bridgend's cabinet decided on Tuesday to grant a lease to the town council.

In a report to cabinet, David Sutherland, head of ICT and property, said that the land was classed as "open space" and amounted to just under half an acre.

The land required for the skateboard park is part of a larger area owned by the council known as the Wilderness Lakes. The skateboard park will be located near the existing playground.

He went on: "The proposal to construct a skate park at Heol y Goedwig has been subject to local opposition. Objections raised have been fully considered by the local planning authority prior to granting planning consent for a change of use."

The council has received 220 objections to the notice of intended disposal of the site.

Objections were raised on a number of grounds, including the fact that there would be a loss of open space and of outdoor playing space, increased anti-social behaviour and noise problems, more traffic

and on-street parking and a lack of consultation by Porthcawl Town Council with local residents.

Objectors also claimed that the skateboard park can only be used by two people at a time and will result in the loss of a multi-use amenity open space which has been used as a kick-about and general games area.

There were also concerns about children crossing roads to reach it and the fact that it would attract older children and teenagers, as opposed to the younger children who go to the play-

ground. There were also suggestions that the facility should go to Griffin Park, where there is an unused site which would be inside a locked park.

A petition was also received calling on the council not to dispose of this land and that the two councils should look for an alternative site.

Officers state that the key issue for the council is not the use of the land as a skate park, but whether the council should dispose of an open space.

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## Main parties are geared up for Assembly election fight

**THE four main parties are set to fight it out in both Bridgend and Ogmores constituencies at the forthcoming Assembly elections.**

Both seats were taken by Labour last time around.

In Bridgend, First Minister Carwyn Jones will be challenged by three candidates -

Conservative Alex Williams, Plaid Cymru's Tim Thomas and Liberal Democrat Briony Jane Davies.

In Ogmores, Janice

Gregory is up against Conservative Martyn Hughes, Plaid Cymru's Danny Clark and Liberal Democrat Gerald Leslie Francis.

In the South Wales West region, which includes Bridgend and Ogmores, there are a total of 12 parties vying for the top-up vote. Candidates are not named for the regional seats - only their party.

Everyone has two votes in the Assembly elections - one for the first-past-the-post seats and one for the regional seats.

## Celyn's public speaking success



Celyn Ripley of Brynteg Comprehensive School was awarded best speaker at the ESU Public Speaking competition recently. SEE A FULL REPORT ON PAGE 10.

## Parc Prison set for an expansion?

**PLANS to extend HMP Parc are being discussed by Bridgend planners today (Thursday).**

The application from Bridgend Custodial Services is to build a new cell block with accommodation for 255 prisoners, plus a workshop, gatehouse, visitor centre, car park, sports pitch and extension to the perimeter wall.

The development will lie within part of the existing prison site. The new building will be a three-storey structure spread over three wings in a T shape. The overall length will be more than 300 feet long. It is being built on what is now a staff car park.

A separate workshop-education building will be provided, as well as a new gate-house and a visitor centre. The old clock tower of the former Parc Hospital, which occupied the site, will be moved to a new site where it will be visible to the public.

The new cell block will increase the number of prisoners at Parc from the present 1,138 to 1,393. There will be an extra 68 prison staff jobs, many of which will be filled by local people.

The construction work will also create posts for local people, with 70 per cent being recruited from the area.

Full details of the application and decision by planners will be printed in next week's GEM.



# LOCAL MP'S GUIDE TO GETTING LOTTERY CASH!

**A FUNDING event was hosted by Madeleine Moon MP recently in Bridgend.**

The MP invited along Big Lottery and Heritage Lottery representatives to take part in a funding surgery which was held at the Evergreen Hall.

Madeleine Moon said: "This was a good opportunity for the voluntary organisations in the constituency to talk to Big Lottery and Heritage Lottery about what was available to them."

"Fflur Lawton, head of

external affairs from the Big Lottery gave an overview of how their funding works and what grants were available to organisations which included People and Places; Awards for All; UK Improving Futures; Community Voice Programme and Young People - Bright New Futures.

"Adam Hitchings, development officer from the Heritage Lottery fund, also explained how they could help with funding for many different things from historic buildings and streets, through to muse-

ums, parks, histories of people and communities, people's memories and experiences and natural environments."

Some of those attending had experience of applying for funding but some had not and were delighted to find out that perhaps they could get help for their organisation.

To contact these organisations for more information on how to apply for funding, go to [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) for Big Lottery Fund and [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk) for Heritage Lottery Fund.

**PICTURED RIGHT: Heidi Bennett (Bavo), Fflur Lawton (Big Lottery), Madeleine Moon, Adam Hitchings (Heritage Lottery).**



## Student learning celebrated in work-based awards ceremony



The ceremony on March 21 was the first time 'work-based' achievers had been recognised.

ON Wednesday, March 21, the first ever work-based learning awards ceremony took place at Bridgend College to celebrate the inspirational achievements of selected candidates.

A total of 25 recipients from public, private and the voluntary sector were recognised for their hard work and dedication in achieving their National

Vocational Qualification (NVQ) in a range of subjects.

Sarah Williams, NVQ assessor at Bridgend College, said: "It was great to see our candidates receive special recognition for all the hard work and effort that they have put into their NVQs."

"The candidates were able to complete their qualifications in the workplace, despite having many commitments to manage in their working day."



LEFT: Local historians Linda Jones and Dennis Jones looking at laptops while members of the public research family history.

## Family trees are traced at Y Llynfi Library 'open day'

A FAMILY and local history open day in Y Llynfi Library in Maesteg Sports Centre, proved a success as experts gave helpful advice and support on how to research family trees and find out more about the his-

tory of the area.

Organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's Library and Information Service, experts were on hand to answer queries and gave talks on local history and family research.

On the day, local historian Clive Smith

said: "I've come to get some help and information with my family tree. I think this is a well equipped resource centre with internet access and most publications on the Maesteg valley, which is very useful for research."

A library spokesman said: "In any library in Bridgend County Borough, with a valid libraries card you can discover your ancestors by gaining free access to 'Find my Past' which has the most complete 1841 -

1911 census collection, online index of births, marriages and deaths from 1837 - 2006, parish records dating from 1538, migration records including 24 million passenger list records, military records covering both World Wars and may other specialist records."

For further details, call in to your local library or visit [www.bridgend.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk/libraries)

## New carnival competition is aimed at local school pupils

**PORHCRAWL** Carnival organisers are hoping to involve more children in the run up to the event this year.

They are inviting children to design the front cover of the carnival programme as part of a competition.

The winner will see their design printed on all the programmes distributed before and during the carnival, and they will also receive a personal gift voucher and another voucher for their school.

The winner and their headteacher will be invited to a presentation evening at the Hi-Tide where they will receive their prizes.

The theme of the carnival this year is theatre shows and musicals such as *The Lion King*. The entry must be no bigger than A4, with the words Porthcawl Carnival 2011 printed on it.

A spokeswoman said: "Please write the child's name, school and class year on the back. Also include the age of the child and home telephone number."

"The organisers are looking for something bright and exciting so imagination is very important!"

The closing date for entries is May 6. They should be sent to Danielle Ulberini, 4, The Firs, Newton Burrows, Porthcawl, CF36 5AX.

## Car overturns on the road to Porthcawl

MORNING traffic in and out of Porthcawl was disrupted on Tuesday morning (April 5) after a car overturned at approximately 8.30am.

A spokesman for South Wales Police told The GEM: "Police attended a road traffic collision on the A4106 at Danygraig Hill, when a single vehicle left the carriageway and collided with a stone wall before overturning and rebounding onto the carriageway."

The spokesman added that no-one was injured.

## WE ARE NOW ONLINE!

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## Local artist's exhibition



ABOVE: One of Brian Jones' paintings.

AN exhibition of paintings is being staged at the Berwyn Centre in Nantymoel, Mondays to Fridays, April 4-28 (excluding bank holidays).

On show will be oil

and watercolour paintings depicting land and seascape views by local artist Brian Jones, inspired by the work of renowned artists Bob Ross and Frank Clark.

Organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's arts and community service, the exhibition will be open: Mondays 9am-1pm and 3.30-5pm; Tuesdays 9am-7pm; Wednesdays 9am-5pm; Thursdays 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm; and Fridays 9am-5pm. Admission is free.

## Call for swift action on the Wick Post Office

WITH the closure last week of Wick Post Office, Assembly Member Jane Hutt has called for urgent action from the Post Office to find a new manager and to recoup funding from the Post office grant.

She explained: "The Post Office has told me it is committed to operating a service in the area and is doing all it can to reinstate the service to the community. I have also asked the Welsh Assembly for details on how it will recover this funding."

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 7)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
07 Thur	10.19	9.3	22.33	9.1
08 Fri	10.48	8.9	23.03	8.9
09 Sat	11.25	8.6	23.40	8.5
10 Sun	12.04	8.1	00.28	8.1
11 Mon	13.02	7.7	00.27	8.1
12 Tues	13.02	7.7		
13 Wed	03.03	7.7	15.56	7.7
14 Thur	04.30	8.2	17.1	9.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.



## PEN-Y-FAI SCHOOL SAGA End is near as site is set aside for new school

**THE end of a long and frustrating road may at last be in sight for the pupils, parents and staff of Pen-y-Fai Church in Wales Primary School.**

Years of delay to plans to build a replacement school may be shortly at an end as Bridgend's cabinet has agreed to make General Vesting Declarations (GVDs) for the land it needs for the new school.

The existing school is in a very poor condition and consists mainly of old portable cabins. It was due to be rebuilt more than a decade ago, but arguments over where it was to be sited were followed by problems in obtaining the land that is needed.

The council made its first compulsory purchase order for the land needed to rebuild it at its present location off Heol yr Eglwys in 2005, with a further order in 2006, and another in 2009.

Objections were made by a number of people who had an interest in the land affected by these orders. Since then, there have been two public inquiries with the Minister eventually confirming all three CPOs.

There was then an attempt by an objector to challenge that decision at

the High Court, but in January this year, a judge dismissed the application.

There has been no further legal challenge from the objector.

In a report to cabinet, Children's officer Hilary Anthony said that now all three CPOs have been confirmed, with further challenges unlikely, officers wished to move on with the project so that contractors can be appointed and the site cleared.

She said that making General Vesting Orders would obviate the need to enter into lengthy negotiations with the objectors in order to get legal title to the land.

Making the declarations will automatically vest the title with the council without any transfer or conveyance being necessary.

After a clear 28 days' notice has been served on people with an interest in the land involved, the GVDs will give the council immediate right of entry. This will speed up the process of acquiring the land and prevent any attempts to delay construction.

She said that apart from one family of objectors, who took the challenge to the High Court, all other persons with an interest in the affected land are in nego-

tiations with the council about the acquisition of their land.

People will be entitled to compensation once the GVD orders have been made. Four such orders are proposed, covering all the land needed.

Ms Anthony said that the council had to make sure it was not contravening the Human Rights Act with this action and there had to be a compelling case in the public interest.

She said that there must be clear evidence that the public benefit outweighed the private interests.

The cabinet has agreed to the making of the four orders and after 28 days notice has been served, the council will enter into possession of the land involved.

The council has allocated £4.9m in its capital programme to finance the building contract.

Coun Alana Davies, cabinet member for Children and Young people, said that she was delighted that the school had reached this important stage after such a long wait.

She went on: "The council is committed to delivering a school which fits in with modern 21st century learning and the delays we have encountered have been very frustrating for us and for staff and pupils.

"We should be able to start work in about six weeks which can only be good news for Pen-y-fai."

## Maesgwyn fate to be decided any day now

**THE CLOSURE of Maesgwyn Hospital is likely to be confirmed this week.**

by JAYNE ISAAC

The first meeting of the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg NHS Board since January is scheduled for today (Thursday).

This will be the first chance board members will have had to discuss the outcome of public meetings and consultation on the plans to close the remaining Teilo Ward at Maesgwyn with its 20 beds.

The Morlais Ward was closed earlier this year when patients were transferred to the new Angleton Clinic at Glanrhyd.

The Community Health Council has met and has agreed to the closure.

The patients in Teilo Ward will transfer either to private nursing homes which offer suitable facilities, or will go to a hospital if they have more complex medical needs.

Also, patients who use Maesgwyn for respite care will go to alternative provision, which is to be laid on.

The board has plans to re-invest the money saved by the closure of Maesgwyn into its care

in the community services. All the staff will be redeployed and there will be no redundancies.

The board intends to extend its community team in Bridgend so that it provides a seven-day-a-week service to people in their own homes.

The aim is to try and prevent people going into hospital unless absolutely necessary by looking after them at home.

Those who have been in hospital will also be able to be discharged earlier if they can be cared for by the team at home.

A spokesman for ABM Board said that they were confident that the new models of care for respite patients and the long term care services will be of benefit to both patients and carers.

The board will now start working through all the details with an aim of having alternative services in place by the end of May this year.

The site will be sold off, probably for housing. The first £500,000 will go to the board and the remainder to the Welsh Assembly.

## Cabinet reshuffle

**A NEW face is about to join the cabinet that runs Bridgend County Borough Council.**

Coun John Spanswick is resigning as cabinet member for Communities and will be replaced by Coun Phil White, who represents Caerau-Nant-y-fyllon. He was elected by the

ruling Labour group last week. The communities directorate looks after highways, planning, refuse and recycling, drainage and also regeneration.

Coun White was elected to the council in 2008. He was a prominent member of the St John's Lodge of the National Union of Mineworkers during the 1984 strike and had a high profile throughout south Wales at that time.

Mr White was later involved in the worker buy-out of Tower Colliery and was one of the directors of the company. He also sits on Maesteg Town Council.

Bridgend Council leader Mel Nott told yesterday's council meeting that Coun Spanswick would be missed by his colleagues. He said that promotion at work would not allow him the time he needs for a cabinet role, but he will remain an elected member for Brackla.

Coun Nott paid tribute: "John has displayed such commitment and enthusiasm while carrying out this important cabinet position over the last three years."

He said that he expected to announce at the AGM in May that Coun Phil White will take over as cabinet member for Communities and he said he knew that Coun White would carry on the good work.



High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan, Beverley Humphreys, with Julie Lydon of EcoDysgu and Alexis Kirsten.

## The High Sheriff's visit to Bridgend's 'best kept secret'

**THE High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan, Beverley Humphreys, has made an official visit to EcoDysgu, the educational establishment in Tondur, Bridgend.**

Founded in 2002, EcoDysgu, has been described as 'Bridgend's Best Kept Secret', provides alternative education and training for people of all ages, particularly those suffering from social exclusion, alcohol addiction and drug abuse, in addition to those who are struggling to focus within the traditional education system.

**'Cuppa with a copper'**

**THE Pencoed Neighbourhood Policing Team will be in the Honey Pot Café, Verland Court, Pencoed, on Tuesday, April 12, between 3pm and 4pm to discuss any issues and offer crime prevention advice.**

At EcoDysgu, education programmes are executed in specialist workshops, including carpentry, building, joinery and other practical skills, and each programme is complemented by a holistic therapy session.

Within her role as High Sheriff of Mid-Glamorgan, Beverley Humphreys felt it important that she visit EcoDysgu as the centre has helped and supported so many young people within the area.

The role of the High Sheriff dates back to the 11th Century, when the High Sheriff was the keeper of peace, collector of taxes and even had powers of execution.

Now, the role still acts as a bridge between the criminal justice system and the community, working closely with police and the judiciary to make communities

safer.

She said: "My role means encouraging and supporting the unsung heroes and heroines who are doing amazing things week in, week out, to help young people to channel their energies and fulfil their potential."

The visit involved a tour of the centre including indoor and outdoor workshop areas, vegetable patches, mud huts made from recycled materials and exquisite gardens made by groups who have benefited from the centre.

Julie Lydon, the founder of EcoDysgu said: "We felt Beverley truly understood the messages we are passing on here and are extremely grateful that she has taken the time to visit EcoDysgu to hear our stories and witness some of the unique workshops that take place."

**LOCAL CHOIR'S HOLY WEEK PERFORMANCE**  
**PORTHCAWL Choral Society will be giving a Holy Week performance of 'Olivet to Calvary' by JH Maunders on Monday, April 18 at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Porthcawl.**

This work simply and reverently recalls the scenes which marked the last few days of Jesus' life on earth.

The performance is free and there are no tickets. There will be a retiring collection for charity.

## Charity's curry evening a success

**THE charity Emmaus Bridgend held a curry evening fundraising event at Natraj Indian Restaurant in Bridgend recently.**

It was attended by 44 supporters of the Emmaus venture, who were treated to an evening of excellent food, entertainment and conviviality.

The proprietors of the restaurant generously designed an interesting menu which allowed a significant percentage of the ticket price to go towards the development of a new Emmaus community in Bridgend.

Guests were also

entertained by Andy Field, a very accomplished magician.

Emmaus is an international charity dealing with problems of homelessness by establishing communities where formerly homeless people can live.

Central to the Emmaus concept is the idea that all those living in the community give up all state benefits other than housing benefit, and work in a social enterprise run by the community.

The Bridgend project is moving forward and it is hoped that it will be the first Emmaus community to open in Wales within the next three years.

## Parc prisoners to face judges in 'hospitality'

**PARC Prison, Bridgend will be the setting for a gourmet dinner for 12 this week as the prisoners currently working on their NVQs in catering face the judges of the Institute of Hospitality.**

Six members of the prison's catering course will take part in an inter-college kitchen battle to be crowned '2011 Institute of Hospitality dining champion'.

Nine colleges across Wales will be competing against each other by creating a three-course menu based on produce from their area for a panel of expert judges.

Parc Prison will be the fifth team to face the judging panel today, April 7. The next day,

students of Bridgend College face a panel of judges including industry professionals, food writers and local producers.

Parc Prison has been offering vocational courses for prisoners for 13 years.

According to director Janet Wallsgrove: "A comprehensive educational and training provision is available for all prisoners at Parc.

"Our core aim is to maximise rehabilitation, minimise re-offending while encouraging a smooth transition for offenders resettling back into society.

"We are very proud that our NVQ team will be taking part in this inter-college culinary challenge.

The winners will be announced at a ceremony on June 6.

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# Historic orchard is revived by the Bridgend Quakers



Sue Rhodes, Deana Owen and Peter Davies of Bridgend Quaker group with Bryngarw volunteers Nick and Alan Short.

**RIGHT:**  
Bryngarw volunteer Dave John helps Sue Rhodes to plant an apple tree.

**BRYNGARW** Country Park rangers and volunteers have received support from the Bridgend Quakers group to enhance the park's historic orchard by donating and planting new fruit trees.

The Quaker group recently had to cut down a tree that was causing damage to the car park of their meeting house in Brynmeyn, Bridgend, and wanted to do something to make up for its loss.

One member of the group, Sue Rhodes, is also a loyal volunteer at the 113 acres of parkland in Brynmeyn, Bridgend, and approached the rangers with the idea of donating some trees to the park.

Sue commented: "We wanted to use the funds we had raised within the group to buy trees which we could then plant in the park. The idea was to ensure that the loss of our tree was compensated for by planting lots more. The park is full of diverse

wildlife and the trees will not only provide a refuge for them but also enhance the park's natural environment."

In keeping with the historic setting, six traditional variety apple trees were purchased locally and planted in the park's 100 year old orchard by the Quaker group and volunteers, with expert advice on hand from the park rangers.

Park ranger Dan Lock said: "When the Bridgend Quakers approached us we thought it was a fantastic idea and we're really grateful for their support. It was clear the group had a firm commitment to supporting the environment and we were happy to help."

"The rejuvenation of the park's orchard is an ongoing project for us, so the obvious solution was to buy the apple trees to enhance it further. Now the orchard is more diverse and in a few years there will be good crops of apples to feed the park's wildlife and visitors alike."



## Memories of the old department stores discussed

**THE** February meeting was opened by president Mary Poland, who took us through the interesting programme for the Glamorgan WI Show, to be held at North Cornelly in July.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Allan Underhill. His informative talk on the history of department stores was enjoyed by our members, his references to the large Cardiff stores being of particular interest as some of us remembered them well, and others had worked in them many years ago.

The new craft classes have started enthusiastically with 15 members in attendance. Crafts will include papercraft, patchwork and water-colour painting to begin, with a further varied programme anticipated.

The fine weather has given the walking group an early start this year, and weekly walks are being planned.

Some ladies joined the Glamorgan Federation 'Top to Toe Health and Well-being'

### COITY WI

day in Cardiff. The programme included health advice, colour analysis and exercise with ballet dancer Christine Seaman.

The Penta Penybont Link spring meeting took place at The Mission to the Deaf Club with over 80 members present. After an excellent buffet dinner, entertainment was provided by the popular local barber-shop quartet 'Old Spice'. The speaker for the evening was life coach Cliff Arnall, who spoke on 'What it means to be happy'. Old Spice returned to bring the very pleasant evening to a close.

The speaker for the March meeting was Captain John Evans, who entertained with tales of his exploits as a pilot in the 60s and 70s. The vote of thanks was offered by Ann Mutton.

The speaker at the next meeting on April 27 will be Russell Thompson, who will speak on 'Antarctic Experiences'. A warm welcome is offered to any ladies at Coity Church Hall at 7.30pm.



Rosalind James (front row, third from right) with college students.

## West End leading lady coaches college students

**FOR** two days, the performing arts students at Bridgend College were able to benefit from the knowledge and experience of Rosalind James, who played Eponine in the 25th anniversary touring production of *Les*

*Misérables*.

On April 1, Rosalind held a workshop for the students where she gave them an insight into playing one of the lead roles and coached them through the songs in the musical.

A college spokeswoman said: "This was a fantastic opportunity for our students as many will go

on to perform this musical in Bridgend College's new 'state of the art' 400-seat lecture theatre/performing arts venue, when it opens in June."

Rosalind also sat on the panel for the auditions on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday to cast the college's production of *Les Misérables*.

## Bridgend man becomes the vice-chairman of Billy Graham charity group

**MARK THOMAS** (55), who was born in Bridgend and lived there until his early 20s, has been appointed as vice-chairman of the UK board of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA), a leading Christian charity.

Several members of Mark's family still live in the area and Mark is a regular visitor from his present home in Basingstoke.

He has been a board trustee of BGEA for four years and is the managing director of MDN Fusion, a Basingstoke HR company which also has an office in New Delhi, and specialises in leadership development

and assessment.

It provides its services for third world and UK Christian charities in addition to commercial organisations and secular charities.

It is also committed to helping Child's Trust, a charity dedicated to the development of underprivileged children, mainly in India. Mark is also a board trustee of Samaritan's Purse International (UK), the humanitarian relief organisation.

Spokesman Alistair McLean said: "BGEA was originally established in the USA by Billy Graham, the renowned evangelical Christian preacher, and it is now led by his son Franklin Graham."

"The organisation's UK headquarters are in London. In addition to



**LEFT:**  
Mark Thomas.

ed by disasters – natural or the result of human action – by offering emotional and spiritual assistance. They help not only survivors and the relatives and friends of victims, but also emergency services personnel who may be adversely affected by their involvement.

"RRTs have been active in the aftermath of disasters such as 9/11 and the Haiti earthquake, and British RRT team members have recently flown to Japan to assist survivors of the earthquake and tsunami."

Simon Barrington, executive director of SPI (UK), will work closely with Mark Thomas, as he will have a direct responsibility for overseeing the UK management team.

He commented: "We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced individual as Mark Thomas taking on the key role of vice-chairman in BGEA (UK). This is a challenging time for UK charities and we need individuals who can use their skills to ensure we are operating as efficiently as possible."

"Mark will also have an important role to play in strengthening the links, co-ordination and close co-operation in activities between the UK team and the staff located in North Carolina, USA."

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## VA NEWMAN QUIZ LEAGUE

**ALTHOUGH** the league season is over, there are still the KO Cup and Plate finals to take place, so this week here are the usual selection of questions from some of our matches:

1 Which halogen gas takes its name from the Greek for "Green"?

2 "Per Mare, Per Terram" is the motto of which of the Armed Forces?

3 Which well-known cricketer scored a career best 151 not out against Glamorgan in 1959, after which he was left out of their next match?

4 Which river rises in the Black Forest and empties into the Black Sea?

**A Rudge (Hon sec Quiz League)**

**Answers:**  
1 Chlorine  
2 Royal Marines  
3 Dickie Bird  
4 Danube

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## Porthcawl Lions' beach clean-up and book sale

**PORHCRAWL** Lions Club are gathering themselves together for a very busy weekend over Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, with a major foreshore clean-up coinciding with their ever-popular book sale at the Seabank Hotel.

On Saturday, members of the public are invited to join the Porthcawl Lions in cleaning up the foreshore from Rest Bay to Sker Rocks.

The meeting place is the grounds of the Rest Hotel at 10am and the clean up goes on until 12 noon.

Further details can be obtained from David Richards on 01656 772598, and he advises wearing stout shoes and thick gloves; other cleaning materials will be provided.

David said: "The clean up is scheduled for the weekend prior to the Easter break and is intended to show visitors to Porthcawl our beautiful sea shore."

"We already have promises of support from many youth organisations in the town and we welcome members of the public to join us."

The start time for the book sale is also 10am on both Saturday and Sunday, and admission to the Seabank Hotel is as always free. Further information is available on lionsclub36@hotmail.co.uk.

Town charities and other organisations intending to have a stall at the Porthcawl Lions May Fayre on Monday, May 2 are asked to contact Gloria on 01656 772272.



## Colwinston school pupils charm the audience at the Vale Dance Festival

ON March 24, year-1 and year-6 pupils from St David's Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston, took part in the annual Vale Dance festival.

Year-1 (above) danced to 'Jamaican Farewell' in colourful salsa costumes and year-6 (below) rock and rolled to 'We stick together' from *Grease*.

The children danced enthusiastically and it was clear from the huge smiles that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Class teachers Miss Lewis and Mrs Rosser were both extremely proud of the children's performances. The teachers would also like to thank Mrs Hammett and Mrs Bluck for their help with the choreography and their commitment to rehearsals over recent weeks.



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## Family hunt for eisteddfod

**THE initial fundraising event of the Dinas Powys National Eisteddfod 2012 Committee was a success.**

The fish and chip supper evening held at The Star, Dinas Powys on Friday, March 14, led to a total of £500 being raised, thanks to the generosity of the proprietors, the staff and those who attended.

The next event, to be held on April 16, is a family treasure hunt.

The walk around Dinas Powys, to uncover historical facts and secrets, will begin at St Mary's Catholic Church, Edith Road, Dinas Powys at 2pm and end at The Star, the Square, Dinas Powys. The cost per group will be £5 and everyone is welcome.

Further details may be obtained from: Gwenllian on 02920 704078 or Jayne on 02920 513500.

The event will have to be postponed if it is raining.

## Big John to tell his story at literary festival

JOHN HARTSON, the former Welsh international footballer, who played for Arsenal and Celtic, is the latest big name to commit himself to the Cowbridge Literary Festival.

The festival – the first of its kind in the Vale – will run from May 16 to 22, and a key objective is to raise funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

One of the festival organisers, Stella Cheeseman, explained why it was appropriate for John to make an appearance at the festival.

"John will be talking about his new book 'Please Don't Go – Big John's Journey Back to Life'.

"It is John's truly inspirational account of how he managed to overcome a very aggressive form of cancer, and will offer hope and courage to others

by TIM CHAPMAN

affected by the disease.

"It is a touching and ultimately uplifting insight into the bravery of the popular football hero, who has fought back to full health in the face of adversity."

John's talk will be the first event in the festival, and will take place at the Bear Hotel on May 16 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £4 and are available from Stella Cheeseman on 01446 774827 and Ron O'Leary on 01446 774986.

Other big names lined up for the festival include Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's former spokesman in Number 10 Downing Street, local thriller writer, Belinda Bauer and BBC Wales television presenter Jamie Owen.

For further information on the Cowbridge Book Festival, please go to [www.cowbridgebook-festival.co.uk](http://www.cowbridgebook-festival.co.uk).

## Porthcawl woman warns about skin cancer dangers

LOUISE DAY, a Porthcawl woman, is urging young people to watch out for signs of skin cancer.

Each day more than two people under 35 in Britain are diagnosed with malignant melanoma – the deadliest form of skin cancer – according to new figures from Cancer Research UK.

The startling new figures come as Cancer Research UK launches its 'SunSmart' campaign for 2011.

The charity is revealing an alarming tripling in melanoma rates among 15-34 year olds across Britain since the late seventies when there were around 290 cases among this age group.

Now, more than 900 young Britons are being diagnosed with the disease each year – more than two a day.

Caroline Cerny, Cancer Research UK's SunSmart campaign manager, said: "It's very worrying to see that the number of young adults being diagnosed with this potentially fatal disease has risen so dramatically, especially since cancer is typically a disease that affects older people."

"With summer approaching after such a harsh winter, everyone is looking forward to enjoying some sunshine.

But it's more important than ever to be aware of the dangers of getting sunburnt.

"Nor are sunbeds a safe alternative to tanning. In fact using a sunbed for the first time before you're 35 can increase your risk of melanoma by 75 per cent."

"Young women in particular need to take care since they are more than twice as likely to be diagnosed with melanoma than young men. The good news is that the majority of cases could be prevented by making sure you don't get sunburnt."

Louise Day was diagnosed with skin cancer when she was aged 18, after a small wart-like mole appeared on her calf.

Her father persuaded her to see her GP and she did eventually book an appointment to have it checked out.

Louise recalls: "At the appointment I was told it wasn't much to worry about, but that I could have it removed."

"Partly out of vanity, I wanted to go ahead with it, and so I had the mole removed at the GP surgery."

"I had the shock of my life, when my doctor showed up at my house two weeks later with my notes in his hands. I was told I had malignant melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer."



ABOVE: Porthcawl's Louise Day

cer, and he used my phone to call the hospital so I could have emergency surgery.

"At the age of 18, I had no idea what malignant melanoma was. I wasn't really an adult and it wasn't something I could talk about easily with anyone, as no one else knew what it was either."

Louise added: "After the operation, I had to wait a couple of weeks to find out that everything had been removed and that it hadn't spread."

"Being diagnosed with cancer as a teenager

er was such a shock, you have different worries to your friends and you can feel so alone, it was a life changing experience."

"I was certainly not a sun-worshipper, but I had used a sun bed once, and wish I hadn't. The important thing is that anyone who is worried about a change in their body should go and get it checked out, it's incredibly important that we act upon these changes."

For more information visit the website [www.sunsmart.org.uk](http://www.sunsmart.org.uk).

## Jane sets the standard when it comes to loos!



ABOVE: Jane Phillips.

**COUNCIL worker Jane Phillips has joined a prestigious 'roll' of honour – as 'Best Attendant in Wales' in the 2010 Loo of the Year Awards.**

Known as the Oscars of the toilet world, the annual awards are designed to encourage high standards in public conveniences.

Jane (56) who maintains Bridgend County Borough Council's loos at Rest Bay and Bridgend Bus Station, wowed judges from the British Toilet Association with her commitment to cleanliness and customer care.

Jane said: "I knew about the Loo of the Year awards before joining Bridgend County Borough Council, but I didn't realise that individual attendants could be nominated. I certainly never dreamed that I

would actually win anything!

"There are a lot of other people who work hard to keep public toilets clean in Bridgend County Borough."

"We all work together to provide the best service that we can, so this is very much a team effort in my opinion."

Jane's award is not a flash in the pan for BCBC – the council picked up national Borough Council's loos at C o y c h u r c h Crematorium, Maesteg Bus Station and Kenfig National Nature Reserve.

C o y c h u r c h Crematorium and Rest Bay were also given the competition's highest standard five star award, with four stars going to Maesteg Bus Station, Bridgend Bus Station, Griffin Park and Kenfig Nature Reserve.

## PUPILS SIGN UP TO BE NEW TOWN DEPUTIES



The pupils taking their deputy sheriff pledges with PCSO Dave Johnson.

**MAESTEG has signed up 100 new 'Deputy Sheriffs', after pupils from Plasnewydd Primary School met their local neighbourhood policing officers and fire fighters.**

The scheme will involve the pupils keeping a look-out for any suspicious behaviour around their school, and they have all taken the deputy sheriff's oath of looking

after their local community and 'helping' the police and fire service.

The pupils, in their new roles as deputy sheriffs, have signed up to be honest, truthful, super smashing great, and to keep their school safe – and they have warrant cards and baseball caps to go with their new crime-busting roles.

Local neighbourhood officers and green watch fire fighters officially launched the project at the

school on Monday, April 4.

PCSO Dave Johnson said: "The Deputy Sheriff project will help build stronger links between the school community and the local police and fire service. It is also about getting the entire community involved in keeping the area safe, and the deputies are encouraged to report any information to teachers, parents, and local officers during term time and holiday periods."

## Macmillan nurses helping women 'Moving forward'

**FOLLOWING extensive consultation with others across the care sector, including charitable organisations, the Macmillan breast care nurses in Bridgend are now hosting their third rehabilitation programme 'Moving Forward'.**

This programme runs twice a year and is a four week course, aimed at those who have had breast cancer treatment within the last 12 months.

It covers a range of topics such as coping strategies, exercise, communication issues, the role of complementary therapies and diet as well as welfare advice and returning to work issues.

So far, feedback has been very positive, with comments such as: "Meeting others and

sharing experiences made me feel less isolated."

"I have enjoyed the company of other breast cancer patients and gained a lot of information."

"Each week was very useful and informative."

"I can't thank all concerned enough for the opportunity to attend such an excellent programme."

Fundraising manager Debbie Jones said: "At the end of the current programme tomorrow, on Friday, April 8 at 10 am however they are hosting something different – a lingerie event."

"This is for all women who have had breast cancer treatment. It will be held in the Princess of Wales Residences Community Lounge."

For further information on 'Moving Forward' or the 'lingerie event,' please contact Rachel Kendall or Julie Lewis on 01656 752018.



# YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

## Children's teenage cancer centre

A CONCERT was recently held at the Bible Church, Aberkenfig, to raise money for the centre in the Royal Marsden hospital.

Pam Doster, whose granddaughter Bethan (aged 18 months) is being treated for leukaemia at the centre, is a member of the Bible Church and Brackla Community Chorus.

She discussed the situation with both organisations, who agreed it was a great idea to hold a charity concert for such a worthwhile cause.

Gillian Ridout, the musical director of the community chorus, arranged the musical programme and spoke to the Pencoed Silver Band and Merthyr Tydfil Percussion Ensemble who both agreed to play.

They performed a selection of popular and well known music. The choir was accompanied by pianist Gareth Waite, the band was conducted by Peter Davies, while the busy Gillian Ridout not only conducted the choir, but the young musicians in the Merthyr Tydfil Percussion Ensemble as well.

She also played the tenor horn for the band. During the interval, a short video was shown on the big screen of Bethan starting her treatment and the situation at the present time, and this was very moving.

Once again, the generosity of residents in the area was demonstrated as the concert raised £1,200 for the charity.

Well done to everyone involved.

## Ogmore Vale Primary School

MR Paul Booth, the headteacher, would like to inform all responsible adults of children at the school that the recent inspection report by Estyn on the school can be seen on www.

estyn.gov.uk/english/provider/6722369.

## All Saints Church, Pen-y-Fai

The members of the church will be supporting Christian Aid on Saturday, April 9, between 12 noon and 1.15pm by providing lunches at Smyrna Chapel Hall, consisting of a bowl of soup, bread and a Welsh cake to everyone who would like to take part.

The lunch will only cost £2.50 and, of course, money raised goes to the charity.

## Maesteg Gleemen male voice choir

THE Gleemen recently held their annual concert in a crowded Maesteg Town Hall.

It began with BBC presenter Chris Needs introducing the musical director and conductor Alun Hodges, and accompanist Suzanne Hodges.

The choir started with the Keith Christopher arrangement of 'Let all men sing', followed by the Bryan Adams hit 'Everything I do' with a solo guitar accompaniment by the up-and-coming Ben Hodges.

Then came 13-year-old Rhydian Jenkins, Bridgend junior section young singer of the year

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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2011 and boys' solo winner of the Urdd Eisteddfod, with his clear renditions of Idris Williams' 'Gan yr Arad goch' and the famous Vaughan Thomas 'Nant y Mynydd'.

There followed a contrast in music with the expressive baritone Gary Griffiths, a student of the Guildhall school of music and dance, where he won the coveted gold medal competition in 2009. He is now a member of the Welsh National Opera and started with the 'Toreador' from Bizet's *Carmen* and Meirion Williams's 'Gwynfyd'.

Then the choir came on with two Abba hits 'I have a dream' and 'Thank you for the music'.

The choir completed the first half with the spiritual 'Stand by me' and the well sung tenor composition of 'My Way' by soloist Gerald Seymour. The choir started the second half with the 'Y Tangneffeddyr' composed by Eric Jones through the German bombing raids on Swansea during the Second World War.

Then on stage came the joint winners of the Bridgend senior section young singer of the year 2011, twins Mari and Lowri Izzard. Both have been competitors in a number of Urdd Eisteddfods and are members of the Bridgend Youth Theatre.

Mari sang 'Think of me' by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Lowri sang her comical version of the 'Alto's lament' by Zena Goldrichboth, followed by a duet 'Bendigedig' by Robert Arwyn.

Again, there was a contrast with Gary

Griffiths singing 'Donne mie la fate a tanti' from Mozart's *Cost fan Tutte* and the folk song 'My Little Welsh Home'.

The choir returned with the rugby international anthem 'World in Union' and the haunting 'Diolch I'r Ior' by the bass soloist Gwyn Evans.

The concert was completed with music from the shows, Gary Griffiths singing 'Shenandoah' from the film, and 'Stars' from *Les Miserables*.

The choir sang 'Anthem' from *Chess* accompanied by guitarist Ben Hodges.

The Gleemen were pleased to announce that they have been chosen to perform in the Bridgend County Borough Council's Mayor's charity concert in St Mary's RC Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, tomorrow (Friday, April 8) at 7pm.

They would also like to congratulate Hayley Morris and Carl Kelly on their forthcoming wedding at St Cynfelyn's Church, Caerau, on Saturday, April 9, during which the choir will lead the hymn singing.

## Tynyrheol Primary School

MR Martin Griffiths, the headteacher, would like to invite responsible adults of the children, school governors and friends to a special Easter assembly which will be taken by the Rev David Mortimer on Thursday, April 14, at 10.15am. This will be followed with the Easter bonnet parade.

The school will be holding an Easter egg raffle with three prizes per class, and tickets will be on sale until

Wednesday, April 13, the draw taking place at assembly on Friday, April 15. The cost of tickets are 50p each and all proceeds will go into school funds.

The school would appreciate the assistance of everyone by donating unwanted clothing, shoes, belts and bags in supplied bags at the school on Saturday, April 9, between 10am-1pm.

The school will receive 50p per kilo for the items collected, and this goes towards school funds. Please note, the school cannot accept bric a brac, duvets, wet clothes, pillows or pieces of material.

## Tondu Primary School

MRS Sue Pilsher, the headteacher, would advise responsible adults of pupils, that Aberkenfig public library has excellent facilities to help children do their work in peace, with staff willing to help.

If children have not joined the library, the school also has membership forms available in the school office.

Miss Handley's class would like to invite all parents and friends to share in their class assembly at 10.20am on Friday, April 8. Everyone is welcome to stay after for a cup of tea or coffee.

## St John's Church, Aberkenfig

MEMBERS of the church are holding a table top sale in the hall on Friday, April 8 at 11am, selling new or nearly new clothing, fancy goods, bric a brac and homemade cakes.

There will, of course,



Lowri (on left) and Mari Izzard with Rhydian Jenkins.



Maesteg Mayor, Coun Phil John, and Mayoress Jen with Gary Griffiths, Chris Needs, and guests from west Wales.

be refreshments on sale along with raffle tickets. Everyone will be most welcome.

## Maesteg U3A

THE next meeting of Maesteg U3A is taking place earlier than usual because of the Easter holidays.

It will be an important meeting because it is the group's first annual general meeting. At the meeting, the group will be presented with its charter and focus on the success of the current activity groups and look at the range of opportunities for the future.

The meeting will take place in the Central Church Hall on Tuesday, April 12, at 2.30pm.

Local U3As are learning co-operatives which draw upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest groups. The U3A approach to learning is - learning for pleasure.

New members wishing to join should come along or contact Geoff on Geoff.bushell@gmx.com or mobile 0770 8945393.

## The grand final is looming for battling bands

YOUNG bands have been battling their way through the heats for a place in The Gathering's 'Battle of the Bands' grand final on Friday, April 15, at Bridgend Recreation Centre (6.30pm).

The first heat took place on Friday, March 25, at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion, where two local bands secured their place at the finals - Bloodycandy were the people's choice and Riot City Saints where the judges' choice.

Bridgend County Borough Council's arts development officer, Andre Van Wyk said:

"For the grand final, we have decided to do away with the first, second and third prizes and are giving real power to the public to vote and determine what band will be the people's choice with no judges involved."

"The rest of the finalists will be awarded various prizes related to their strength of performance decided by a panel of judges from the music industry."

"The focus for this year is very much on the bands having to work hard to obtain prizes, rather than simply a judge's opinion if a band is good or not."

For more information, call 01656 642688 or visit www.thegatheringonline.co.uk.

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## Players at hall

THE Llantwit Major Twinning Association is organising a fundraising evening of Old Time Music Hall in the Llantian Hall on Saturday, April 16, featuring the Pencoed Players.

A twinning spokeswoman said: "It promises to be an evening of great entertainment, starting at 7.30pm. There will be a bar, and tickets are £10, including a light supper."

"You don't need to be involved with twinning to attend."

For tickets, telephone 01446 794729, or 01446 792164.

## Who wants to build what and where in the borough?

Diocese of Llandaff Parsonage Board - 5B West End Avenue, Porthcawl - removal of bay tree in rear garden.

Greggs of the Midlands - Former Kings Head site, Coychurch Road, Pencoed - 1 no. internally illuminated fascia sign and 1 no. internally illuminated projecting sign.

Mr R Williams - 31 Austin Avenue, Laleston - garage, Somerfield Stores - Pyle Service Station, Pyle Cross, Pyle Industrial Estate - forecourt canopy fascias, spreader boxes and pole sign.

Lee and Turner - Waterton Lane, Waterton, Bridgend - entrance board, wall sign and post mounted sign.

Greggs of the Midlands -

Former Kings Head Site, Coychurch Road, Pencoed - installation of new shopfront, air conditioning and units.

Mr J Jenkins - 68 West Road, Bridgend - single storey extension at rear of property.

Mr R Bailey - 7 Sker Court, Porthcawl - demolish existing side garage and build two storey side extension.

Mr W Dixon - Land rear of Maerdy Hotel, Coychurch Road, Pencoed - three detached houses.

Groundwork Bridgend and NPT - Tarmac area, Gibbons Way, Marlas, North Cornelly - steel container 12m x 3m placed on tarmac (disused lorry park) to be used as a gym for

young people.

Mr Christian Williams - The Hollies, Heol Las, Coity - outline consent for two detached dwellings with on-site parking and dedicated access.

Mr Graham Forward - 10 Heol-y-Capel, Coychurch - single story shower room extension for disabled person.

Parkdean Holiday Parks Limited - Trecco Bay Holiday Park, Porthcawl - to permit occupancy of caravans for 11 months between 4 February and 4 January.

Valleys to Coast Housing - Land at St Iltyds Road, Bridgend - alterations to existing kerb lines and provisions of road improvements and new parking areas.

Westward Community Centre - Llangewydd Road, Bridgend - installation of childrens soft play area to the rear with 2.43 metre high fence.

SE Cleaning Services - Car park at Bridgend Designer Outlet, The Derwen, Bridgend - occupation of parking spaces for car valeting operation and canopy installation.

Mr M R Ahmad - Marlborough Model Building, Pantygog, Pontycymer - raise perimeter walls by 900mm, renew roof and fit security shutters to doors and windows.

Mr Peter Pendry - 6 Abbey Road, Kenfig Hill - Proposed shower room to side.

Industrial Air Power Limited - Coenant Close, Brackla Industrial Estate, Bridgend - new modular office building and cladding to existing industrial unit.

Bridgend County Borough Council - Hyfydd Resource Centre, Cemetary Road, Maesteg - change of use from B1 to C3 offices to residential dwelling.

Mr R Jones - 6 Heol Cae Tyla, Coychurch - conservatory to rear of property.

Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council - Land north of Brynna, Rhondda Cynon Taff - request for observations on scoping opinion for proposed replacement wind farm.

V2C Housing Association - Heol Gelli Lenor, Maesteg - construct residential supported housing scheme with communal accommodation, ext works and assoc drainage.

Mr P A K Turner - 3 Long Acre Drive, Porthcawl - single storey extension (toilet facility).

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council - Mynydd Marchywel, northwest of Clifrew, Neath - OBS request for scoping opinion for wind farm including 11 wind turbines access track and assoc works.

Mr Russell Rees - 20 Coronation Road, Gilfach Goch, Porth - First floor rear extension.

Mr G Evans - 11 The Retreat, Porthcawl - retention of new dwelling, revision to P/10/565/FUL.

Mr M Butler - 1 Greenmeadow, Cefn Cribwr - retention of three amateur radio masts/aerials and erect additional amateur radio mast/aerial.

Nr Jabsurat - 1 Fern Street, Ogmore Vale - first floor bedroom extension and internal shower room adaptations.

Mr P Popp - 39 and 39A Gloucester Buildings, Pontycymer - change of use from shop to dwelling and replace shop front to form two self-contained units.



# No 'call in' for drilling proposal at industrial site in western Vale

**THERE** has been disappointment in the western Vale that an application to drill for gas at Llandow has not been 'called in' by the Welsh Assembly.

Last week more than 80 villagers gathered at Llandow village hall to air their objections to an exploratory bore hole being constructed by Coastal Oil and Gas Ltd.

Last week in The GEM local people explained their fears of the so-called drilling process, dubbed 'fracking', which involves the use of chemicals, and which people claimed could lead to contamination of underground water.

Despite appeals from politicians and the public for the issue to be 'called in' for consideration by the Assembly, the Environment Minister, Jane Davidson, has decided not to do so.

Mr Tony John, the owner of Elizabeth-Anne Childrenswear Ltd, whose unit is next door to the proposed site of drilling and who has put in an objection to the Vale Council, said it was a blow that the Assembly would not be scrutinising the matter.

"I am not being a NIMBY, I wouldn't want this anywhere in

by TIM CHAPMAN

the country.

"There are alternative sources of power that we should be looking at using such as wind and sea power.

"We have the second highest tide in the world in the Severn Estuary - why aren't we looking at using water turbines? They are in Scotland and Northern Ireland."

South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies, who lives in the Vale, said residents would now hope their fears were addressed by the normal planning process.

"I am deeply disappointed that the Minister has decided not to call this application in.

"It is my personal view that this is very much of national significance, as any similar energy extraction process would be.

"While I respect the Minister's views, and it is her right to make this decision, I now hope that local residents' concerns are addressed via the normal planning process of the local authority, with whom the final decision will now reside.

"Early last week I wrote to the Minister to make the request to call in the application and while we are disappointed with the Minister's

decision we are grateful for the speedy turnaround by the Minister's department."

As The GEM went to press last week Environment Agency Wales confirmed it had no objection to the initial bore hole.

A spokesman explained: "The agency does not have any objections to the proposed test bore hole for shale gas at the Llandow Industrial Estate.

"The test bore hole will be cased throughout its length, meaning that no aquifers or other water sources will be able to enter the bore hole."

However, the Environment Agency spokesman added: "Any future applications to drill at the site will be subject to a number of planning conditions to make sure the local environment is protected."

The deadline for people to submit objections to the Vale Council's planning committee was last Thursday, March 31.

At that meeting the committee deferred a decision, agreeing to carry out a site visit on April 14 prior to its evening meeting.

Vale MP Alun Cairns commented: "I will be

calling on the Minister of State for Energy and Climate Change, Charles Hendry, for a moratorium on all shale gas exploration and mining in the UK given the concerns and uncertainties surrounding the extraction of this alternative energy resource.

"In the meantime, I'd urge concerned residents to write in to the Vale planning department with their objections before April 13 to make sure their late representations are heard in the next planning committee meeting on April 14."

Coastal Oil and Gas Limited has emphasised that it is applying for planning permission to drill a cored bore hole to carry out "laboratory tests on shales that may be present in that area".

A spokesman also pointed out: "The bore hole may also contact the Devonian measures where conventional gas may be present; conventional gas requires no fracturing, it produces under natural pressure.

"There is no fracturing required and no interaction with ground water with the current proposal; in terms of shales this proposal is the same as any other mineral exploration hole."

## PORTHCAWL HOSTS URDD EISTEDDFOD



**ABOVE:** The Urdd Eisteddfod for Mid Glamorgan was held at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on Saturday, April 1.

The eisteddfod was attended by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Mary Emmet-Lewis and her Consort Bobbie Lewis, and she is pictured above with some of the winning children, and with organiser Jordon Morgan-Hughes. (PHOTOGRAPH by KEITH E MORGAN).

## MAESTEG PUPILS TO WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOLS



**ABOVE:** The 'safe routes' initiative was launched by the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Colin Teesdale and Ogmere AM Janice Gregory.

**A 'Safe Routes to School' initiative at Maesteg Comprehensive could lead the way for schools around Wales to follow.**

The project, which was officially launched by the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Coun Colin Teesdale and Ogmere AM Janice Gregory, has developed safe walking and cycle tracks to the school, as well as new steps. Other additions include bike shelters for pupils and staff.

Year-12 students have also been working with a professional designer to develop a brand, which could now be adopted by schools right across the county to encourage pupils to walk or cycle.

The chair of governors, Coun Keith Edwards, said: "At Maesteg we recognise that encouraging our pupils to walk or cycle to and from school is good for them and for the local environment. However, we needed to ensure they can do this in a safe and hazard-free way. This important project has created that official safe route and we look forward to see-

ing more and more students using it." Head Anne Carhart added: "This has clearly caught the imagination of many of our students and it's great to see that some of the creative work they have been doing will now be used

across the county so that other young people and their schools will benefit.

"We owe a great deal to the excellent work and support of our travel plan champion Mrs Sian Davies who has been the driving force

behind this project."

Extra funding has now been secured to develop phase two of the project and the school is holding a special activity week in May to further encourage pupils to cycle and walk.

## Dyffryn House is set for a return to its former glory!



*Dyffryn House will soon be open to the public again.*

**MANY** Vale residents enjoy visits to the beautiful Grade I gardens at Dyffryn, but for many years the mansion house, with some of the original decor, has been unsafe and closed to the public.

Now, an ambitious project by the Vale Council, costing £1.36 million, is getting under way. Friends of Dyffryn

were delighted to be told that £600,000 towards the scheme was agreed by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The aim is to restore the principal rooms to the highest standard of conservation to make possible public access to this county treasure in its stunning setting.

**Words and pictures by HEATHER MARCH**



## Cameron's surprise visit to Tondur firm!

**A SMALL firm at Tondur hosted a very special visitor last Friday - the Prime Minister.**

David Cameron was in south Wales to launch the party's Assembly campaign but was keen to visit a small business.

The business chosen was First4Numbers, which is a company that prints numbers used by competitors in marathons and other sporting events.

The firm is owned by Porthcawl couple Darren and Sara Powell and employs four people. They have a unit at Tondur Business Park which is owned by Business in Focus.

"I had a phone call on Wednesday asking if the Prime Minister could pay us a visit on Friday which was April Fool's Day," said Mr Powell. "I was very suspicious in case it was a wind-up but sure enough, David Cameron arrived."

He spent about 40 minutes touring the factory and chatting to staff.

"It was great," added Mr Powell. "He spoke to everyone and cracked a few jokes. He was also keen to hear if the policy of giving a rate rebate to

small businesses with a rateable value of under £12,000 was beneficial. I was able to tell him that it was very helpful."

The company prints numbers for major sporting events, including the world athletics championship and exports all over the world. One of their biggest orders comes from the London Marathon.

"Thankfully, they use new numbers every year as sponsors change and they usually make changes to the design and colours to prevent people who have entered previously from just turning up with an old number."

The firm was set up three years ago with all new equipment and Darren was able to explain to David Cameron what help he had received with the start up.

Also present was Welsh Secretary Cheryl Gillan and Nick Bourne, who leads the party's group in the Assembly.

"There was a good discussion on the ways small businesses can be helped and I hope that all three politicians will bear in mind some of the points we were making," he added.



**Dinas Windows, Unit 16, Tyverlon Estate, Cardiff Road, Barry**



# DRIVE TO CUT COSTS IS CONTINUING

## Council looks to work with adult social care partners

STAFF working in residential care homes owned by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have been consulted about plans to bring in a partner organisation to provide some adult social care services in future.

A progress report to cabinet revealed that initial staff meetings have also taken place across the homecare teams, so that everyone knows about the current proposals, as well as the process and timetable for change.

Last October, the cabinet decided to review potential options to remodel

both homecare and residential care services to "deliver long term care solutions that were economically affordable and provided high quality outcomes for residents".

The cabinet agreed in January to look for a "partner organisation" to manage aspects of residential and home care. An event has since taken place with potential providers of these services.

It was attended by more than 40 different providers from across England and Wales.

Some have subsequently expressed an interest and follow up meetings have been arranged.

The council has also appointed Professor John Bolton to guide the council through the

by JAYNE ISAAC

complex procedures involved. He has 40 years experience of working within the public sector on adult social care.

Letters have also been sent to the families and carers of those living in residential care, examining the proposals under consideration and Age Concern Morgannwg will provide support for them, as well as for people receiving home care.

The council says that it is being driven to make these changes because of the pressures of increasing numbers of older people within the population and the need to

save £200,000 by 2012/13 and a further £700,000 the year after – a cut of almost £1m in two years.

Coun Lyn Morgan, cabinet member for Well Being, said that he was grateful for the enormous amount of work which has already gone into the project.

He went on: "We need to ensure that the path we take is the right one for our service users, who receive an excellent service from our very committed group of care workers."

"Our staff are a very

important consideration within this process and any potential partner would be expected to recognise this."

Coun Morgan said that what they were doing was a "big ask" but the council has an excellent record of collaboration and partnership working and was committed to alternative and innovative solutions.

He added: "Residents and staff can rest assured this will continue to be a robust and transparent process throughout as we plan for the future of adult social care."

## Sports pavilion unveils new look



The newly refurbished pavilion.

MEMBERS of sports clubs in Cornelly were out in force this week to show their support for the recently refurbished sports pavilion.

The sports pavilion is located in the Meadow Street playing fields, North Cornelly and has been home to the local football, rugby cricket and running clubs for many years.

The building has seen its number of changing rooms increase from four to six, allowing more people to use its space, as well as a major facelift and refurbishment with rooms painted and

much needed maintenance work carried out.

The official opening saw dignitaries and sports groups come together to celebrate a building that will hopefully serve the community for many years to come.

Councillor John Spanswick, cabinet member for communities said: "It's fantastic to see the support for a facility like this, its clear that many people have benefited from it in the past and we hope that the work that has taken place mean that it is now better suited to encourage sports and recreation in the future."

## Skate park's lease granted

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They argued that the proposed use of the land as a skate park means that the land is still available to the public and can be used for recreation.

The definition of an open space is land laid out as a garden, or for the purposes of public recreation.

The report says that, in effect, the land will therefore be available for use as an open space although in practical terms, it will be used mainly by skate boarders.

They add that building the skatepark is not dissimilar to the building of the nearby playground – both are available for public use.

The freehold of the land will remain with BCBC which would ensure that the council retains control.

Officers stated that many of the issues raised were dealt with at the planning stage including highway issues, anti-social behaviour and noise.

No objections were lodged on these matters from police, highways officers or public protection.

The cabinet accepted

the officers' recommendation to grant a lease of no longer than 25 years on this land to the town council.

Coun Huw David, cabinet member for Resources, said that the proposed development would create a positive new facility for the young people of Porthcawl.

He said that while he was aware of objections, it was important to consider all points of view and he knew many others regard this development as an exciting new addition to facilities in the area.

He added: "We have many beautiful open areas within the county borough but we do not have as many facilities as we would like for our younger generation."

"I think we should give the proposed park a chance to develop and grow into what could become a very popular facility for the youngsters of this community to enjoy."

Local member Coun Alana Davies, who is also a cabinet member, declared an interest and did not take part in the debate.

## Local autistic teenager's 90 mile journey

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They continued: "On their return to the area the family chose to secure a further education place in Beechwood College, Sully with the support of Careers Wales and did not approach the LEA regarding his placement or statement of 'special educational needs'."

"The move into further education caused an automatic lapse in his statement and means the authority is no longer responsible for David as a student or for his transport."

The spokesperson added: "The family may wish to contact the college itself who may be able to provide some financial assistance for David's transport. We wish David well in his further education."

## PACT looks at Penyfai wild horse problems

CONCERNED residents of the Penyfai-Court Colman area attended a PACT meeting to discuss the ongoing problems with horses in the area.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the police, RSPCA and Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), which have all been dealing with these issues.

More than 200 horses were placed into fields in the area over the winter and prompted numerous complaints from worried residents concerned for the animals' welfare.

The horses belong to a Vale-based horse breeder and the RSPCA examined the animals at one point and confirmed that they were healthy and were being fed and watered.

The RSPCA and council officers explained that they have carried out short term

and long term monitoring, and both have spent a huge amount of time on this particular problem.

It was reported that many of these horses have also been seen on land in other areas of south Wales.

The officers present maintained that they were acting before the Facebook campaign was started by residents, but members of the public argued that they had seen no feeding of the horses before the public campaign kicked off.

The RSPCA is involved with the problem of horses across Wales and talks are underway with the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG), which has the responsibility for it in Wales.

The charity pointed out that it can only act after a vet has examined animals and as long as they are being kept to the minimum standards required, there was nothing they could do.

They said that the horses behind

Llangewydd Court will continue to be checked as there appears to be no fodder available.

BCBC is also liaising with WAG over the question of whether these horses have passports. Members present at the meeting suggested that if the passport laws were enforced, it could result in a reduction in the number of horses being kept.

Police confirmed that there had been fewer calls from residents about horses straying onto local roads but people at the meeting said that the horses were no longer breaking out in search of food as they are now being fed.

The meeting agreed to make the horses the PACT priority for this month and meeting chairman Alex Marshall offered to liaise with BCBC and the RSPCA on these matters because of the need for local knowledge. This was accepted.

The next PACT meeting will be Wednesday, May 4, at 7pm.

## Aaron celebrates his double century with win

THE recent mini break in fixtures for Pencoed

showed, with the team failing to recapture the form which had given them three consecutive bonus point wins.

However, they will settle for the four points away from home to consolidate their mid-table position.

As the scoreline suggests this was a pretty dreary affair, with little continuity in the match.

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of the match frustrating both players and supporters alike.

Two Marc Davies penalty goals gave Pencoed victory, and skipper Aaron Halse, playing his 200th game for the club, will take some satisfaction from the win.

Next up for Pencoed is Brynamman, whose rout of Cwmavon at the weekend will see them arrive at the Recreation Ground in confident mood.

Pencoed currently sit

five points behind the visitors in the league, with two games in hand, and need victory to stay in contention for a fifth or sixth place finish. TR



RIGHT: Pencoed captain Aaron Halse in action during his 200th game for the Club.

## BRYNCETHIN MINI AND JUNIOR ROUND-UP

### Under-8s make it to the Ospreys cup final

Under-8s IT was all to play for at the Liberty Stadium on Saturday night with a key derby match to delight the crowd.

Not the Ospreys and the Blues, but the youngsters of Bryncethin and Bridgend Sports, who provided a sizzling display of running rugby in the semi-final of the Ospreys tag tournament.

Bridgend Sports 2, Bryncethin 5: Bryncethin soon took the lead and worked tirelessly to keep the Sports at bay.

A mistake in the Sports defence soon allowed Bryncethin to increase their lead.

Sports started to come back into the game and got a score of their own.

Bryncethin crossed again only to be pegged back almost immediately, but this spurred on the youngsters again to score a further two unanswered tries to take a well deserved victory.

The coaches and parents of Bryncethin were delighted and proud of the display given by the children and can now look forward to the final against Swansea Uplands, to be played at

half-time in the upcoming Ospreys v Munster match on April 23.

Try scorers: Rhys Cawley (two), Shaun Batchelor, Jake Whitefield and Rhys Williams.

Squad: Mike Gillette (captain), Thomas Bassett, Shaun Batchelor, Miles Blakeman, Rhys Cawley, Ben Daniel, Morgan Hughes, Iwan Hunnam, Jac Jervis, Will Laverick, Hollie Morgan, Cory Ryall, Jake Whitefield and Rhys Williams.

Under-10s THE Under-10s were invited to take part in the tournament hosted by Bridgend Athletic at Newbridge Fields.

Bryncethin took a large squad of which seven members had played only a handful of games.

The first game was against Bridgend Sports. The turning point came late in the first half when the referee missed an obvious knock on that wrong footed the Bryncethin defence to allow the Sports to open the scoring.

Credit must go to the Bryncethin boys for accepting the decision and for showing plenty of character to go all out for the levelling score in the second half.

The Sports defence held firm and they were able to break away to clinch the game 2-0 late on.

The second game was against new opponents in Newport High School Old Boys.

A very organised Newport side proved

difficult to break down, and with pressure being applied it was only a matter of time until Newport scored.

A flowing move saw Morgan Stevens score an excellent try but to no avail as the match finished 4-1.

The third match was another local derby against the Athletic.

There were once again signs of continuity from the Bryncethin boys with an excellent try from the ever reliable Scott Ryall, but not enough to avoid a 3-1 defeat.

The final match saw yet more new opponents for the boys as they faced up to Penallta.

Although Penallta ran in a number of tries, the loudest cheer of the match was reserved for young Thomas Painter scoring for Bryncethin.

The final score was 4-1 to Penallta.

Although none of the results went the way of Bryncethin, the supporters were very pleased with some of the performances of the younger members of the squad, including Billy Sinclair, Lloyd Costigan, Thomas Painter and Mason Jones – well played boys.

Squad: Tomas Jones, Daniel Osarigie, Keiran Dixon, Luke Board, Scott Ryall, Josh Napper, Jack Thomas, Morgan Stevens, Rhys Davies, Lewis Francis, Morgan Rimron, Aaron Thomas, Billy Sinclair, Lloyd Costigan, Thomas Painter, Mason Jones, Joshua Thomas, Finlay Mullens and Tobias Hunt.

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# Students speak out in debating competition



ABOVE: Anne Campbell, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, presenting Celyn Ripley of Brynteg Comprehensive School, with the award for best speaker.



ABOVE: Anne Campbell presenting Arran Watt of Y Pant with his award for best questioner.

SEVEN schools from across Wales reached the final of the English Speaking Union (ESU) Welsh Schools Public Speaking Competition, which was held in Ty Hywel House, Cardiff Bay, at the invitation of the Presiding Officer, Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas.

The individual awards went to:

Celyn Ripley of Brynteg Comprehensive School, Bridgend, as the best speaker.

Arran Watt of Y Pant as best questioner.

Timothy Kingsnorth from Hawarden School,

Deeside, as best chairman.

The overall team award, the Challenge Shield, was won by Ffynone House School, Swansea.

Capt Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, president of the ESU south Wales branch, gave a stirring speech of encouragement to those attending the competition.

In his summing up, Derek Morgan, the chairman of the ESU south Wales branch, commended all the students who had taken part and commented on the lengthy deliberations of the judges, who had a very difficult task given the very high standard of the presentations.

## PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN



ABOVE (left to right): Derek Morgan; Lorraine Barrett AM (Assembly Commissioner); Anne Campbell; Capt Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards.



ABOVE: The Brynteg Comprehensive School team.



ABOVE: The team from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg.



The team from Y Pant School.

## Darren and Sasha looking for a home... can you help?

**The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)**

THIS WEEK, Linda Feagan highlights Sasha, a lively little two-year-old Terrier Crossbreed: "She has been with us for several months, but is sadly still looking for her perfect home."

"She gets on with other dogs but she can be a bit feisty with them when she is on the lead so she will need some further training to help with this."

"She mixes well off the lead and can live with another dog. She is playful, very bright and has lots of energy."

"She will need someone who will enjoy attending training class-



Sasha.

es to provide her with more basic training and socialising - lots of fun for Sasha and you!"

There are more photos of Sasha online at [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk). Call at Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, if you are interested in Sasha, or telephone 01656 725219.



DOGS Trust spokeswoman Linda Feagan said: "Darren is a seven-year-old Collie Cross."

"He is quite a sedate boy, and enjoys nothing more than a gentle stroll and a nice cuddle. He is looking for a quiet home, with someone who can spend time with him, giving him the cuddles

ABOVE: Darren.

he loves! He would like to be the only dog in the home."

If you are interested in Darren, visit us at Dogs Trust, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend or call on 01656 725219. You can also see Darren and some of his friends on the website at [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk)

## Fearless cat lovers to raise money for adoption centre



'Please help to support the Bridgend Cat Adoption Centre!'

THIRTY fearless cat lovers are set to walk across hot coals and broken glass to raise money to help cats and kittens being cared for at Cats Protection Bridgend Adoption Centre.

It's not a challenge for the faint-hearted - a barefoot walk over a 20ft bed of burning hot coals - or a 12ft bed of glass.

The once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will give participants the chance to walk across wood embers smouldering at 800 degrees without experiencing pain or injury. People who have previously braved a fire-walk can go one step further and walk across a 12ft bed of smashed ster-

ile wine bottles.

The event, to be held at Bridgend Adoption Centre on April 16, will raise much-needed funds to help care for cats and kittens like orphan Annie, a five-week-old kitten found on a doorstep in the Bridgend area on March 26. She was starving hungry and was desperately suckling at the towel she was wrapped in for milk. Sue John, who is fostering Annie, said: "I have been fostering kittens for 30 years and have never seen so many fleas on one little kitten - her nose and gums were white because of the fleas draining her blood."

The glass walk takes place at 5pm, the fire

walk at 8pm.

Last year's firewalk raised more than £12,000, and it is hoped this year's event will help raise even more!

Coun Jeff Tildesley, who has already braved the coals and will be taking part in the glass walk, said: "Please come along and support Cats Protection Charity's fundraising day, it's so important to raise funds for these cats."

Tony John, director from Shepherds the Vets, who are sponsoring the event, said: "Shepherds consider it a privilege to sponsor and take part in the fire and glass walks following its great success last year."

Anyone wishing to take part should contact Bridgend Adoption Centre on 01656 726621 or email [bridgend@cats.org.uk](mailto:bridgend@cats.org.uk)

**MEET DELORES**

"Hi, my name is Delores and I am desperately seeking a new home. I lost my leg in a



Delores.

road accident but I still managed to carry my latest litter of kittens. I have had so many babies and done such a good job raising them, the staff tell me it is time I had some attention for myself.

I get about really well and enjoy chasing a ball and mouse around and having some fuss. I enjoy sunbathing in the garden and exploring my surroundings.

If you think you could give me the peaceful, secure home that I deserve, please come and meet me at the centre."



# YOUTH SERVICE CUTS AIM TO SAVE £125,000 PER YEAR

**THE cabinet of the Vale Council has decided on a range of economies that will take more than £125,000 from the youth service budget – including the removal of a post paying £43,000 a year.**

The decision was taken at a meeting of council cabinet, and it involves making cuts in a range of areas.

The cuts equate to the equivalent of six full-time posts. Although the proposals will save £125,000, there will be a cost of £11,248 to implement them, leaving a saving of £113,764.

The biggest cut is the removal of the post of Senior Youth Officer – which is currently vacant. "Disestablishing" this role, as the report refers to it, will create a saving of £43,616.

The report considered by the cabinet said that the duties of this post could be shared within a reorganisation of the roles and responsibilities within a restructured service.

Another post to go, giving a saving of £7,071, is the Duke of Edinburgh's administrator position.

The report says that now the Duke of Edinburgh's team has been relocated to West House in Penarth, they will be supported by a 30-hour administrative post, and will not need a stand-alone post.

The council also intends to cease funding the post of Out of School Activities Officer, producing a saving of £14,055.

The report says that this officer provides a line management and supervision function to an assistant Duke of Edinburgh Award officer, spending 11 hours a week on the task.

It says that these hours could be "subsumed into the roles of other officers in the Youth Service as this level of support is not cost effective".

The report notes that the post is 73 per cent supported by the School Improvement Service.

A further cut is to be made by looking at trainee positions. The report says that two positions should be "dis-

established" – and this could save £21,484.

A further "disestablishment" will be the Community Project Worker position in Penarth, saving £20,351.

The report says that, due to cuts in grant aid and reductions in service spending, the role is becoming surplus to service needs and could be taken on by a part time leader.

## ST ATHAN CUTS

Two St Athan services facing economies are the Rookies Youth Club and the St Athan Brass Band.

The report says that the youth service currently supports these voluntary organisations by funding salaries which are used to employ support staff to help.

The report goes on: "These organisations would continue without this level of funding and the effect on them will be minimal. Reducing this support would develop a saving of £2,225."

## YOUTH CENTRE CUTS

Two youth centres, Area 41 in Barry and the Cowbridge Youth

Centre, are set to cut the number of nights they open in a week, producing a saving of £8,206.

The report says that this would mean that

Area 41 would open three evenings per week, and that Cowbridge would open for two.

Finally, the report proposes reducing part

time youth service provision from 39 weeks to 37 weeks.

It explains: "The Youth Service currently opens its part time provision for 39 weeks in line with school terms."

"Decreasing the

amount of weeks that part time evening youth provision is available from the current 39 weeks to 37 weeks would create a further saving of £8,004."

The report goes on to say that the Vale of

Glamorgan Youth Service team will need to restructure and reorganise to be more effective and responsive to young people's needs and roles and responsibilities will be "redefined".

## What kind of dog will choose you?



We've got small ones, tall ones, cheeky ones and squeaky ones,



sporty ones, haughty ones, fluffy ones and scruffy ones.

## GEORGE IS ON ATHLETICS MAP

**COWBRIDGE could have a star in the making after George Griffiths went close to equalling a feat achieved by Olympic stars Kelly Sotherton and Mark-Lewis Francis at the Aviva Sportshall UK final.**



Cowbridge Comprehensive School pupil to third in the overall rankings with 274 points.

Griffiths was just 19 points off top spot, the same position Sotherton and Lewis-Francis held in 1992 and 1998 respectively, and despite missing out, the teenager was more than satisfied with his day's work.

He said: "I am really

pleased with what I have managed to do at this sportshall final as not only have I finished third overall, but I also equalled a Welsh record along the way.

"In winning the standing long jump silver, I equalled the Welsh Sportshall record that stood at 2.88m.

"Next year, I am hoping to come back and break it because I am a year younger than everyone else, so I still have a chance to improve."

The Aviva Sportshall is part of the Aviva Athletics Academy which encourages and enables children to get involved in athletics.

Aviva has been supporting British athletes since 1999 and paving the way for the next generation. Get involved in the Aviva Athletics Academy at [aviva.co.uk/athletics](http://aviva.co.uk/athletics)

JON IRELAND

## Art Society

**ON Thursday, April 14 at 7pm in the new venue in the annexe at Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge (which is on ground level), the very popular artist Doug Eaton will be returning to give a demonstration in the use of acrylics.**

Non-members are very welcome to attend. KB

## Pumas reach final

**PREVIOUS encounters between Barry Pumas and Legal and General have always been close, and this semi-final in the Lazarou Division 3 cup did not disappoint.**

Pumas started the better team with Callum Taylor scoring only a few minutes after kick off, but L&G replied with a shot that hit both posts before trickling over the line.

A few minutes later, a long range effort by L&G managed to creep past the Pumas keeper.

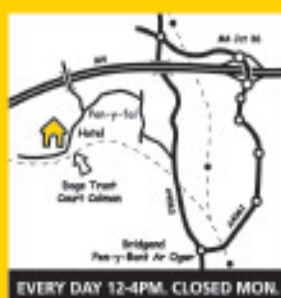
The Pumas defence tightened up in the sec-

ond half with Marcus Jones and Dean Hyde making it almost impossible for the opposition to get through.

The Barry team's equaliser came with 10 minutes of normal time remaining when Anthony Partridge's free kick found the head of Jamie Randall, making the full time score 2-2.

The second half of extra time saw the winning goal, which came when Spencer Lamb's free kick was perfectly placed in to the left corner of the net.

Barry Pumas now face Arriva Trains in the final. **MORGAN STEPHENS**



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## Vale Council tenants stay with 'the devil they know'

**COUNCIL house tenants in the Vale have voted to reject the chance to change landlords and are staying with the Vale Council.**

In a secret ballot of tenants in which 68.4 per cent voted (3,245), 49.2 per cent supported the transfer and 50.8 per cent were opposed.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "Tenants in the Vale have put their confidence in the council and rejected a proposal that would have seen their homes transferred to a new local housing organisation, Heritage Coast Homes."

The council had argued during the consultation period that the proposals would secure the investment needed to bring homes up to the full Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) - as required by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Coun Gordon Kemp, the Leader of the Council, said:

"We always wanted tenants to have the final say on the future ownership and management of their homes."

"We explained to tenants that, without transfer, we would not be able to reach the full Welsh Housing Quality Standard or have the resources needed to make much needed improvements to our estates."

"We have been honest with tenants throughout the consultation and we will now start work to improve their homes, working towards achieving the WHQS."

He added: "We will continue to involve our tenants in exploring ways of taking the housing service forward in these challenging circumstances."

Labour's Coun Neil Moore told THE GEM: "The tenants have had their say and it was a high turnout, with a close vote, and we support their decision."

"The challenge for the council now is to work to meet the

Assembly's housing quality standards."

The news surprised Plaid Cymru's AM, Chris Franks, who said: "The council should now respect the wishes of the tenants and work to bring the housing up to standard."

"In the end, I guess this was a case of 'Better the Devil you know'."

The news meant that Mr Franks was able to return to a point that has been concerning Plaid.

He said: "Under an obscure UK government technicality, the Vale Council has had to hand over about £5 million every year from its rental income."

"My understanding is that that arrangement would have ceased had the stock been transferred."

"Plaid will continue to argue that this money should go in full into the housing repair budget."

PHILIP IRWIN

## Sucker Punch packs lots of oomph - but misses target

**H**aving made an auspicious start to his career with the 2004 remake of *Dawn of the Dead*, Zack Snyder has built up quite a reputation for films that drip with testosterone.

He has taken us to Sparta with *300* and adapted the un-adaptable with *Watchmen*, while Snyder's next task is to bring back to the big screen the iconic hero in *Superman: Man of Steel*, but before that his latest film hits cinemas.

Entitled *Sucker Punch*, it tells the story of Baby Doll (Emily Browning), who, after mistakenly killing her younger sister, is institutionalised by her stepfather.

Inside the facility, she teams up with a group of

young women (played by Abbie Cornish, Jenna Malone, Vanessa Hudgens and Jamie Chung), and they retreat into an alternative reality populated with dragons, wartime aircraft and other peculiarities, in the belief that this world will help them escape from their prison...

Zack Snyder has always been a supremely talented visualist, his films looking amazing; however, aside from *300* (where he adapted the screenplay from Frank Miller's graphic novel), Snyder has been working from other people's material.

*Sucker Punch* is the first film that he has worked up himself, co-writing the screenplay - and sadly, it is the weakest film the director has yet made, the end product a mess that looks wonderful yet is incredibly hollow.

### SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

This is the type of film a 14-year-old boy would probably make if they were given \$82 million, full of attractive women in short skirts, fighting dragons and zombie Nazis with samurai swords and all manner of weaponry; and while Snyder, the arch-visually, makes it look immensely cool, the story feels like it was written with scant regard for anything other than that reason.

The characters we meet never fully engage us - instead they run around looking cool and kicking proverbial bottoms while titillating the target audience with their choice of attire.

Consequently the performances fail to hit home, Browning looking blank-faced and seemingly as perplexed as the audience are, while the rest of the cast either ham it up like Oscar Isaac's pimp/asylum chief, or just hover about in the background with hardly anything to do (step forward High School Musical's Vanessa Hudgens).

Of course, visually the complaints dry up. Anyone who has seen anything of Snyder's previous work will know how striking he can be, and when *Sucker Punch*

travels into its reality-within-a-reality-within-a-reality (try to keep up) Snyder really earns his corn.

This alternate world looks absolutely epic and is a perfect blend of genres and types, trenches of World War I meeting medieval castles and hulking cityscapes.

But all too often, once the fighting kicks off, these worlds feel like computer games without the control pads; there is never any sign of peril or danger, rather the feeling that if it all goes wrong you'll simply lose the level, and that is *Sucker Punch*'s biggest problem.

Despite wanting us to feel for the predicament of these characters, the story continually distances the audience from them - and no matter how many clever visuals or slow-motion sequences (something Snyder seriously needs to curtail) are on show, they cannot fix the plot deficiencies.

*Sucker Punch* is a supreme example of style over substance, and though it may prove a treat for young men whose dreams will have come true thanks to this film, for the rest of us it will just be another anodyne piece of cinema.

**VERDICT** - A woeful film only enlivened by its strong visual sense, *Sucker Punch* misses the target completely. Outside Zack Snyder's strong visuals, there is nothing to recommend the film, from the dull and lackadaisical screenplay to the lifeless acting performances, this is one film you can easily live without. **Poor.**

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**B**RAVERY on the battlefield is significant enough when recognised by the award of one gallantry medal, but for several Barriars of the last century, their contribution to the defence of their country was recognised twice.

Second Lieutenant Edwin Grant of the Machine Gun Corps was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in July 1918 to add to his Military Medal, and was promoted to a commission for gallantry on the Western Front.

Formerly of 36, Trinity Street, he had been recommended for a commission in the field for services rendered on the Western Front during the Somme retirement.

He won his Military Medal when his Company was cut off and the officer in charge having fallen, Sergeant Grant took command and succeeded in getting them safely back to their own trenches.

He won the DCM and the MM, on consecutive days, one during a night attack and the other the next day.

His citation for the DCM read: 'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a machine gun in the front line during an enemy attack. Though enfiladed by enemy machine gun fire, he worked his gun for several hours with the greatest accuracy, killing and wounding large numbers of the enemy. He was eventually wounded, but refused to be evacuated, and remained at his post.'

When he enlisted three years before, he was employed as a fireman in the locomotive dept of the Barry Railway Company. Two brothers were also serving; one of whom also won the Military Medal.

One of only three Barry men to win the Distinguished Service Order during the Great War was Major (acting Lieutenant Colonel) Evan Thomas Rees of the 10th Battalion of the South Wales Borderers, who was gazetted in June 1918.

He had won the Military Cross in January 1917 for 'valour while fighting with his regiment in France' while a temporary captain.

An assistant master at Cadoxton School before the War, Rees was also a prominent local footballer. He was married to an assistant mistress who worked at Hannah Street School and they lived at Dovey House, Woodlands Road, Barry Dock.

Rees enlisted in the Army as a private in September 1914, aged 31, and after a course of training at Sandringham he was appointed to a commission with the South Wales Borderers in 1915, obtaining his captaincy and majority in rapid succession in 1916.

In December 1917, Rees was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, gazetted to the command of the 7th Battalion Norfolk Regiment and was mentioned in Haig in his dispatches.

Rees was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans during their spring offensive of 1918, winning the DSO for his courage in holding a post against the enemy.

His account of his capture:

*'On the evening of March 27, 1918, after the enemy had made many attacks on my position north of Albert, I found that the position to the right of my battalion front was very obscure. I made a personal reconnaissance and as a result I established a strong post well to the right in order to protect my flank.'*

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In the fighting I was shot through the left thigh and dislocated my right ankle, the remainder of the post were either killed or wounded. I sent one of the wounded with a message to battalion headquarters. The medical officer, having heard of our predicament joined us and while arrangements were being made for my removal (it was now dark) the enemy continued his attack and succeeded to a short distance in overstepping our post.'

A wonderfully understated account of great courage and devotion to duty! Rees's story is an amazing one of an educated man who joined the Army as a humble private in the first flush of war fever in the summer of 1914, rising through the ranks to command a battalion, being wounded, made a prisoner of war and decorated twice for bravery in the process.

Barry's most highly-decorated war hero deserves much greater recognition.



**Major James M. Wightman**, East Surrey Regiment, who captained the Barry Association Football Team in the 1913-14 season, died on April 9 of wounds received in action in France.

He was killed by a defective bomb (grenade), which burst prematurely on March 11.

He has the unwellcome distinction of being the first Barry player ever to be sent off, when he hit a Newport County player just before the final whistle in February 1914.

James Wightman won the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross. He was awarded the MC in November 1916. His citation read: 'For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led a bombing party with great courage and determination, and repulsed the enemy.'

'He acted as leading thrower, and threw bombs continuously for two hours. He has previously done fine work.'

This action took place during the fighting around the Schwaben Redoubt on Thiepval Ridge in September 1916 during the Battle of the Somme.

On the first day of the battle, July 1, 1916, the 8th Bn. East Surreys attacked at Montauban and to encourage the men forward, two footballs were kicked out into no man's land to advance the attack.

Wightman was mentioned in Haig's dispatch of April 7, 1918, and was awarded the DSO in June 1918 for his bravery near Arras during the opening phase of the German spring offensive of that year.

Three remarkable men, now long-forgotten by most residents of their hometown. Their bravery is truly worthy of being remembered today.

Jonathan Hicks's new

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crime thriller 'The Dead of Mametz', which is set in Barry in 1916, is to be published by the Welsh Books Council in May.

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# COMMUNITIES FIRST AGM IS HELD AT GIBBONSDOWN

**THE Gibbonsdown and Court Communities First held its first AGM on March 29 in the Gibbonsdown Children's Centre.**

Approximately 50 people attended, including board members, volunteers, staff, residents and local partners.

The CF co-ordinator opened the event and introduced five speakers who discussed their involvement with Communities First.

They were: Debbie Worth, from Options Training; Tracey Downes, from the Penarth Youth Project and the Vale Youth Forum; Pat Gilbert, from the Gibbonsdown and Court Luncheon Club; Julie Griffiths and

Michelle Sullivan, from the CF People's Allotment Group; and Phil Beaman from the parks department, Vale Council.

They shared their experiences of various projects and partnerships with Communities First over the last few years, including equality and diversity projects and most recently, the Iolo Park regeneration project.

Young people from the Gibbonsdown and Court Youth Forum showcased their short role play about their involvement in the Forum, and shared their experiences of the projects they were involved in, including a forthcoming one on Urban Art.

Communities First Partnership board members Jane Hutt and



Bryan Jeffreys thanked everyone for attending.

Sharon Topazio, Communities First co-ordinator said: "The evening was a great success and it was due to the local residents and partners who spoke about the Communities First projects they are involved with."

**ABOVE: Flying Start manager Antonia Bridges, Communities First coordinator Sharon Topazio, and partnership board member, Anne Phillips.**



**Gibbonsdown and Court Communities First People's Allotment Group chair, Julie Griffiths and Coun Bronwen Brooks.**

**LEFT: Coun Rhodri Traherne and Penarth Youth Project and Vale Youth Forum co-ordinator Tracey Downes.**



## PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

### Crossing Offa's Dyke and down Saxon way!

The weather forecast did not do justice to the sunny day that followed when six walkers and sheepdog Bracken joined Nick at Slip Wood near Bigsweir for a walk on the English side of the lovely Wye Valley.

They walked downhill by road to the Bigsweir Bridge, built in 1827 as part of the turnpike road that was constructed from Chepstow to Monmouth and which connects Wales with England.

This single arch iron bridge, cast at Merthyr Tydfil, was under covers as it is receiving a face-lift and the group deviated on the left bank of the River Wye, to begin the

gradual ascent through fields by way of Offa's Dyke path.

The Saxon King Offa constructed the dyke from Chepstow to Chester, to keep out the marauding Welsh and parts of the earthwork, which roughly follows the English/Welsh border, are still visible in the lower part of Hudnalls Wood that the group climbed through to reach the narrow rocky path leading to The Nedge.

A short steep climb brought them to a road which in turn led to the village of St Briavels, which stands on a limestone plateau above the River Wye.

Opposite the majestic St Mary's Church, built in 1089, stands the 12th century moated St Briavels Castle, which

was garrisoned for Henry 1 as early as 1130 and was granted to him, together with the Forest of Dean, in 1141.

Over the years, it has been a fortress, royal castle and hunting lodge to King John, visited by Henry 11 who made it the administrative and judicial centre for the Forest of Dean, a prison, school, private home and today is a youth hostel.

The castle has commanding views of the valley between Tintern and Redbrook.

They followed the road out of the village before joining the Gloucestershire Way at Willsbury Farm.

Entering fields, the group stopped for lunch near the hedge line in bright sunshine before crossing a huge ploughed field, skirting some woodland, passing the enormous quarry and reaching the road at Bruce Green.

A narrow track led them into fields, and turning west they had beautiful views of the Welsh side of the River Wye which was way below them in the valley as they descended steeply.

In order to return to their start, the group crossed a stile to join Offa's Dyke path once more and followed the undulating pathway through Wyeseal Wood.

**JOY STRANGWARD**

## Community orchards

**WELSH community orchards have got Plaid's backing, following a visit by Assembly Member Chris Franks.**

Mr Franks visited a Wenvee community orchard that was planted by volunteers from Bridgend College.

The project was funded by the Welsh government as part of the Tidy Towns scheme.

Keep Wales Tidy works with community groups that carry out environmental enhancement projects.

Wenvee Wildlife Group and Bruce McDonald were on hand to help the Bridgend students. The community orchard was planted on farmland owned by Richard Reader.

Mr Franks said: "I was pleased to take part in this event. This community orchard shows how we can create a better environment by working together."

"All the groups involved ensured that the community orchard will be available for people to enjoy in the future."

## Popular judge returns to Barry Camera Club

**LEIGH WOLFORD of Gwynfa Camera Club has visited our club on many occasions and is one of Barry Camera Club's favourite judges.**

With his direct and experienced style of judging, he also adds a sense of humour, which made for a very entertaining evening.

### Judge's verdict

In the monochrome print category, third place was shared by *Introspection* by Rob Owens, *Cascading Eyes* by Hugh Winnan and *Shy Girl* by Steve Durbin.

In second place was *On Stradbally Strand* by Rob Owens – a lovely beach landscape, very reminiscent of Ansel Adams' landscapes. Joint second was *First Rays In The Valley* by Brian Trego – another stunning landscape; this time of mountains, trees and snow.

First place went to *Secret Faces* by Brian Trego – three characters adorned in white robes and white pointed hats, an image full of mood and mystery.

In the colour print category, third place was shared by four images – *Autumn Mood* by Steve Durbin, *Geevor Tin Mine* by Frank Cleland, *Oh My Aching Back* by Hugh Winnan and *Canary Wharf Station* by Rob Owens.

In second place was *The Quiet Time* by Brian Trego – a moody robed character walks down an alley past a blue door.

The winner was *Glencoe Sunrise* by Brian Trego – beautiful subtle colours of a wintry sunrise over trees and a stream.

In the projected images category, in third place was *Aquilegia* by Kathy Edwards – a simple, colourful and well composed flower.

In joint second place was *Figure In White* by Brian Trego – a ghostly figure at the end of an alley, with children in the foreground.

Also joint second was *Jackdaw* by Phil Stillman – excellent detail, well captured with good composition and lighting.

The winner was *The Birds* by Malcolm Downes – moody, sinister, yet brilliant.

Chairman Steve Durbin thanked Leigh for his time, good judgments and for an entertaining evening.

*Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm between September and May at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. New members are always welcome to attend, with no obligation to join.*

**BARBRA ARCHDALE-SMITH**

## PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

### How technology has ended the tyranny of ghetto blasters

**LIFE-STYLE enhancements, such as the increasing portability of music, mean coping with a touch more technology to get the full benefit.**

I must confess that I am not into music, but I understand that some people want to be constantly accompanied by it, especially on the move.

Remember the ghetto-blasters? A (barely) portable radio perched on a shoulder and blaring music to all and sundry. Technology moved on, reducing the radio to a truly portable personal cassette or CD player with earphones.

It continued to develop; arriving at today's vanishingly tiny MP3 players that store thousands of tunes.

Music lovers will have built up a library of music over the years and have a large collection of CDs.

They would like what is on their CDs to be on their MP3 players. No problem.

It requires a conversion from the CD audio (CDA) format to MP3 format; a process called 'ripping' (in spite of the name, nothing is physically damaged in any way.)

The CD's files are read and written to the computer's storage in a different format.

The computer then has a set of files, each of which is a track from the CD. These files can then be copied to the MP3 player's storage for playing.

Steve explained the several advantages of MP3 files:

- They can be played on just about any audio player.

- Files on your MP3 player form a back-up against the loss of a CD

- Personal compilations are easy

- The new files can be retained on your desktop and played directly from there as well.

The music should be obtained only from CDs that you have bought or you are in danger of copyright infringement.

Steve used Microsoft's Media Player to demonstrate the ripping process. A simple series of

clicks and the programme started the conversion and completed the whole thing in just a couple of minutes, as opposed to the hour or so of music on the disk.

The speed is possible because the information is not copied in its entirety, but sampled many times a second.

The sampling frequency is adjustable, varying the sound quality of the new file, but the middle of the available range is normally satisfactory.

The human ear should not notice the difference in overall sound quality.

Media Player is a long-standing component of Windows and does far more. It can play video, recorded TV, and images as well as help with organising file storage.

If you are connected to the net, Media Player will try – and usually succeed – to identify the CD from an on-line database. This saves you from having to name all the track titles.

As for me, well, I'm just grateful that I haven't heard a ghetto blaster in years.

We next meet on Tuesday, April 12, at All Saints Lesser Hall at 7.30pm for 8pm.

Howard will be showing how drawings and designs can be produced using spreadsheets for fun.

*Visitors are welcome. Enquiries to 02920 708439.*

**HOWARD DESMOND**

## GCSE decision time for year-9 Barry students

**B A R R Y Comprehensive School's year-9 pupils are preparing to choose the GCSE subjects they will study for the next two years.**

All pupils will continue to study the core subjects, including English, mathematics and sci-

ence, but 50 per cent of the timetable is open to student choice, guided by teachers and parents/guardians.

A school spokesman said: "Pupils have a great choice of new subjects including business and communication, ceramics, engineering and psychology. Some courses are delivered in conjunction with our partners Barry College and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive."

He continued: "The options process has been made as simple as possible. All students have their own account on the Careers Wales website where they can access information about the specific courses at Barry Comprehensive and read

general information about the qualifications needed for different careers."

Pupils have a lot to think about but understand the seriousness of the choices they have been trusted to make.

Nick Currie said: "I would like to take a variety of subjects and hope to pursue a career in media."

Daniel Ladner commented: "I would like to take subjects such as PE and science and try to have a career in sports science."

Tristan Jeans said: "I would like to take history, Welsh and science and hopefully have a career as a vet."

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# CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF WELSH MEDIUM EDUCATION DATHLU 60 MLYNEDD O ADDYSG DRWY GYFRWNG Y GYMRAEG

## 60 great years of Welsh education success in Vale

**SIXTY years on and Welsh medium education is thriving in the Vale.**

Since the establishment of the first Welsh schools in Barry – Ysgol Gymraeg Gwirfoddol in 1951 and Ysgol Gymraeg St Francis in 1955 – the Vale now boasts five Welsh medium primary schools.

Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Cowbridge (192 pupils), Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth in Penarth (325) and Barry's Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc (261), Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig (435) and Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant (210) provide children with opportunities to live and learn in the Welsh language.

Formal aspects of the national curriculum are interspersed with experiences of Welsh culture and heritage.

Secondary Welsh medium education is provided at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg (859 pupils), which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and which has already achieved exceptional educational results.

Such has been the success of Welsh medium education in the Vale that demand for places has risen dramatically.

As a result of a survey of educational preferences, the Vale Council recognised a need to expand on its current Welsh language provision.

Two new schools will open in September in Llantwit Major and Barry, and work on a major extension has commenced at Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth.

Sian Owen, headteacher at Barry's Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig, commented: "It's fantastic to see how much interest in Welsh has grown in the Vale over the last 60 years.

"From small beginnings to a position where a major extension is underway and two new schools are opening is phenomenal.

"I am sincerely grateful to all the parents who put their trust in us to educate their children through the medium of Welsh.

"I would also like to pay tribute

to the many headteachers, teachers, staff, governors, parents and friends who've worked so diligently over the years to build our strong reputation, making today's expansion plans a reality.

"Our 60th anniversary is truly a time to celebrate."

Parents and guardians interested in places from September 2011 onwards at these new schools should contact:

For Llantwit Major – Helen Jennings, headteacher, Llanilltud Fawr Primary School on 01446 792368 or llanilltudfawrPS@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk; and

For Barry – Sian Owen, headteacher, Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig on 01446 744222 or ysantcurig@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

For places at and employment opportunities with Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin, contact Vanessa Powell on 0779 295 986 or go to www.mym.co.uk.

### The best Welsh in Wales

With only 14 per cent of Vale residents able to speak Welsh, according to the 2001 Census, it is not surprising that the majority of pupils receiving Welsh medium education are from non-Welsh speaking homes. What may be surprising in this context is the fact that the Vale's schools perform so well when compared to their peer group on a national level.

On behalf of the Vale Welsh Headteachers' Partnership, Rhian Andrew, headteacher of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc in Barry said: "We are delighted that the performance of the Vale's Welsh medium primary schools at Key Stage One and Key Stage Two are a source of great pride locally.

"We have the best Welsh results in Wales among 6-7 year olds. That is no mean feat, when you consider that the majority of our pupils are from non-Welsh speaking backgrounds."

### GET INVOLVED

It's a good time to get involved with Welsh in the Vale. Strong leadership from Welsh schools is

complemented by a wealth of extra-curricular activities and pre-school education.

Cylchoedd Meithrin and Ti a Fi provide pre-school education at Penarth, Dinas Powys, Barry, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major.

The Urdd (Wales's youth movement) has recently appointed Aled Williams as sports liaison officer to run a programme of sports activities locally for children and young people.

The Urdd's accomplishments on the cultural youth scene are second to none, with its well-established eisteddfod tradition giving young people the opportunity to showcase their talents in song, recitation, dance and many other genres.

Both Welsh and English medium schools have benefited from these opportunities.

Menter y Fro, the Vale's Welsh language initiative, also organises a wide range of activities for all members of the community, to promote the use of the Welsh language in the Vale.

In August next year, the National Eisteddfod of Wales will be held in the Vale and is expected to give a huge boost to interest in Welsh culture and language in the locality. Welsh courses for learners are anticipating high levels of demand as a result.

Dr Dylan Jones, headteacher of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Chairman of the National Eisteddfod's Executive Committee said: "It's hugely encouraging to see increased interest in Welsh in the Vale and more opportunities to socialise in the language outside the school gates.

"Parents often tell me how pleased they are that they can offer their children the chance to learn Welsh – a chance they were all too often denied by their own parents.

"Many grandparents are also pleased to see Welsh re-introduced into their family. The misplaced belief that only English would bring success has long gone. "Bilingualism now thankfully is seen as something to be embraced – as an asset, definitely."

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## Addysg Gymraeg yn y Fro - Dathlu'r 60!

**60 mlynedd lawr y lein ac mae addysg Gymraeg yn ffynnu ym Mro Morgannwg.**

Ers sefydlu ysgolion Cymraeg cynta'r sir – Ysgol Gymraeg Gwirfoddol Y Barri ym 1951 ac Ysgol Sant Francis ym 1955 – mae yna bellach bump o ysgolion cynradd Cymraeg yn y Fro.

Mae Ysgol Iolo Morganwg yn Y Bont-faen (192 o ddysgyblion), Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth ym Mhenarth (325) ac Ysgolion Cymraeg Sant Baruc (261), Sant Curig (435) a Gwaun y Nant (210) yn Y Barri yn cynnig cyfleoedd i blant i fyw ac i fwyhau'r iaith Gymraeg.

Caiff elfennau ffurfiol y cwricwlwm cenedlaethol eu cyfioethgi gan brofiadau o ddiwylliant a threfnadaeth Cymru. Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg (859 o ddysgyblion) sy'n cynnig addysg uwchradd Gymraeg i'r plant ac mae'r ysgol, sy'n dathlu ei deng mlynwydd eleni, eisoes wedi rhagori yn y maes academaidd.

O ganlyniad i lwyddiant aruthrol addysg Gymraeg yn y Fro mae'r galw am lefydd yn yr ysgolion Cymraeg wedi cynyddu'n ysgubol.

Ar ôl cynnal arolwg ymhlith rhieni o'u dewisiadau ar gyfer addysg eu plant, sylweddolodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg fod angen ymestyn ei ddarpariaeth bresennol o addysg cyfrwng Gymraeg.

Bydd dwy ysgol newydd felly yn agor ym mis Medi yn Llanilltud Fawr a'r Barri ac mae gwaith ar estyniad sylweddol i Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth eisoes wedi cychwyn.

Dyweddodd Sian Owen, Pennaeth Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig yn Y Barri: "Mae'n wych gweld cymaint y mae diddordeb yn y Gymraeg wedi cynyddu yn y Fro dros y 60 mlynedd ddiwethaf.

"O gamau bach ond pwysig, mae'r ffaith ein bod mewn sefyllfa lle mae estyniad ar y gweill a dwy ysgol newydd yn agor yn fuan yn aruthrol.

"Rwy'n ddolchgar tu hwnt i'r

holl rieni sy'n ymddiried ynddon ni i addysgu eu plant trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Hoffwn hefyd ddioch i'r penaethiaid, athrawon, staff, llywodraethwyr, rhieni a ffrindiau sydd wedi gweithio mor galed dros y blynyddoedd i greu enw da i ni, gan helpu i wireddu'r cynlluniau presennol. Mae dathlu'r 60 yn wir yn amser i ymfalchïo yn ein llywyddiant."

Dylai rhieni a gwarthodwyr sydd â diddordeb mewn llyfdd yn yr ysgolion newydd o Medi 2011 ymlaen, gysylltu â:

Llanilltud Fawr - Helen Jennings, Pennaeth, Ysgol Gymraeg Llanilltud Fawr ar 01446 792368 neu llanilltudfawrPS@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk; a

Y Barri - Sian Owen, Pennaeth, Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig ar 01446 744222 neu ysantcurig@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Am lefydd a chyfleoedd gwaith gyda Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin cysylltwch â Vanessa Powell ar 0779 295 986 neu ewch i www.mym.co.uk.

### Y Cymraeg gorau yng Nghymru

Gydag ond 14 y cant o bobl y Fro yn gallu'r Gymraeg yn ôl Cyfrifiad 2001, nid yw'n syndod felly fod y rhan helaeth o ddysgyblion sy'n derbyn addysg Gymraeg o fewn y sir yn dod o aelwydydd di-Gymraeg. Beth sy'n syndod fodd bynnag yw'r ffaith fod Ysgolion Cymraeg y Fro yn cyflawni mor dda o'u cymharu â'u grwpiau cyfod ar lefel genedlaethol.

Ar ran Partneriaeth Penaethiaid y Fro dyweddodd Rhian Andrew, Pennaeth Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc yn Y Barri: "Ry ni'n falch dros ben gyda chanlyniadau ysgolion cynradd Cymraeg y Fro yng Nghyfnod Sylfaenol Un a Dau. Mae gennym ni'r canlyniadau Cymraeg gorau yng Nghymru ymhlith plant 6-7 oed. Dyw hynny ddim yn fater bach o gydnabod fod y mwyafrif o'n dysgyblion yn dod o aelwydydd di-Gymraeg."

### Ymunwch a mwynhewch!

Mae'n amser da i ymwneud â Chymraeg yn y Fro.

Mae arweiniad cadarn oddi wrth ysgolion Cymraeg yn plethu'n dda gyda lluo o weithgareddau meithrin ac all-gysiol.

Mae Cylchoedd Meithrin a Ti a Fi yn cynnig addysg i blant bach ym Mhenarth, Dinas Powys, Y Barri, Y Bont-faen a Llanilltud Fawr.

Yn ddiweddar mae'r Urdd wedi penodi Aled Williams fel cydlynnydd chwaraeon i'r Fro i redeg rhaglenn o weithgareddau i blant a phobl ifanc. Mae llywyddiant yr Urdd yn maes y celfyddydau wrth gwrs yn amlwg, gan roi'r cyfle i blant arddangos eu doniau canu, llefaru, dawnsio, arllunio ac mewn lluo o feysydd eraill.

Gall ysgolion Cymraeg a Saesneg fanteisio ar y cyfleoedd arbennig hyn.

Mae Menter y Fro hefyd yn treffu nifer o ddigwyddiadau i bobl o bob oed i hyrwyddo'r Gymraeg o fewn y sir.

Ym mis Awst y flwyddyn nesa bydd Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru yn cael ei chynnal yma a'r disgwyl yw y bydd yn rhoi hwb enfawr i Gymreictod yr ardal. O ganlyniad mae cysiaur Cymraeg i ddysgwyr yn disgwyl galw uchel am eu gwasanaethau.

Dyweddodd Dr Dylan Jones, Pennaeth Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg a Chadeirydd Pwyllgor Gwaith yr Eisteddfod: "Mae'n ganologol iawn gweld y diddordeb yn y Gymraeg yn cynyddu a twf yn y nifer o gyfleoedd i ddefnyddio'r iaith y tu allan i'r ysgol.

"Mae rhieni'n dweud wrthyf yn aml pa mor falch ydynt eu bod yn gallu cynnig y cyfle i'w plant i dderbyn addysg Gymraeg. Mae llawer o'r neiniau a theidiau hefyd yn falch o weld y Gymraeg yn ail-gynnu yn eu teuluoedd.

"Mae'r gred gyfeillornus mai ond Saesneg sydd eisau i lwyddo wedi hen ddiiflannu, diolch i'r drefn. Mae dwyieithrwydd nawr yn cael ei weld fel rhywbeth i ymfalchïo ynddo - yn fantasia, heb os."

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## Is Welsh medium education right for your family?

If you are a family of non-Welsh speakers, choosing to send your child to Welsh medium education – let's face it – is a bold move. It's a leap of faith, no less!

It can appear scary and feel as if you're relinquishing control over your child's education.

But, get over that initial hurdle and the rewards are there for all.

Welsh medium schools teach Welsh through the 'immersion' technique. Pupils live and breathe Welsh, and all subjects, except English, are taught through the language. English as a subject is not introduced until Year 3, when pupils are seven years old.

At one time, it was considered that you only needed English to get on in the world.

That view has changed and languages are considered a skill and an asset.

In Wales, the ability to speak Welsh has definite economic advantages and is likely to enhance job prospects.

It certainly won't hold you back. Being able to speak two or even more languages improves a child's ability to use and learn language in general and can open up a deeper understanding of different traditions, ideas, ways of

thinking and behaving.

Iona Edwards, Headteacher of Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth in Penarth said: "Children are amazing and I never cease to be astonished at how quickly they progress in Welsh. From the outset in Welsh medium schools they are immersed in the language and it's great to hear them learn, speak and play in Welsh."

Dylan Evans, Headteacher of Cowbridge's Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, added: "The Welsh language can be a powerful link between Welsh people everywhere and it differentiates Wales from the rest of the UK."

"It can provide people with an identity and a sense of belonging. Everyone in Wales can be proud of the language, even if they don't speak it. It belongs to us all!"

Headteacher of Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant in Barry, Rhidian Lloyd, said: "Welsh is for everyone. You certainly don't need to come from a Welsh speaking family to send your child to a Welsh school."

"Out of 210 pupils here in Gwaun y Nant, only one family in the entire school has parents who both speak Welsh fluently. We are proud of our track record and are delighted that so many families are choosing Welsh medium education for their children."

### MYTH:

Children learning two languages will only learn them half as well as one.

Quite the opposite!

Usually one language helps the other and it becomes easier to learn more languages later on. Bilingual children can speak, read and write English as well as children who attend English medium schools - and have another language to boot!

### MYTH:

Bydd plant sy'n dysgu dwy iaith ond yn eu dysgu hanner mor dda.

I'r gwrthwyneb. Fel arfer mae un iaith yn helpu'r llall ac hefyd mae'n debygol o fod yn haws dysgu ieithoedd eraill nes ymlaen. Mae plant dwyieithog yn gallu siarad, darllen ac ysgrifennu Saesneg cystal â phlant sy'n derbyn addysg cyfrwng Saesneg - ac mae ganddynt iaith arall yn ogystal.



Ysgol Iolo Morganwg welcomes Henry Winkler aka 'The Fonz'.

## BILINGUAL SKILLS CAN GIVE YOU THE EDGE

**R**ECENT research shows that the ability to speak and write in both Welsh and English can give you a competitive advantage in some areas of the job market in Wales.

Public sector organisations across Wales have a legal obligation to provide services through the medium of

Welsh and English so far as is appropriate and reasonably practicable.

Employers in the private sector too, especially those involved in dealing with the public, are becoming more aware of the benefits of employing people who can communicate well in both Welsh and

English.

Whatever your age or situation, there are a range of full or part time courses to help you learn or improve your Welsh language skills.

Check out the 'Courses in Wales' database on [careerswales.com](http://careerswales.com) for more information or

call our Learning and Careers Advice helpline 0800 100 900 to speak to an adviser (if calling from a mobile please ring 029 2090 6801) Lines are open between 9am and 9pm Monday – Friday and 9am-12 noon on Saturday.

## Cymraeg byw i bawb

Os ydych yn deulu di-Gymraeg, mae dewis addysgu'ch plentyn trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg yn dipyn o beth – yn gam go enfawr i ddweud y gwir. Mae angen ffydd a gweledigaeth.

Gall beri pryder a gwneud i chi deimlo fel petaech yn gollwng gafael ar addysg eich plentyn.

Ond, os allwch oresgyn hynny, mae'r buddiannau yna i bawb.

Mae ysgolion Cymraeg yn dysgu'r Gymraeg drwy ddefnyddio'r dull 'ymdrochi'. Mae'r disgyblion yn byw ac yn bod yn y Gymraeg, gyda phob pwn, ond am y Saesneg, yn cael ei gyflwyno drwy'r iaith. Nid yw Saesneg yn cael ei ddysgu fel pwnc tan Blwyddyn 3, pan mae'r plant yn 7 oed.

Ar un adeg, credai nifer mai dim ond Saesneg oedd ei angen amoch i lwyddo yn y byd. Mae'r safbwynt yna wedi newid a nawr mae ieithoedd yn cael eu cyfrif fel sgil.

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Dwyedodd Iona Edwards, Pennaeth Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth ym Mhenarth: "Mae plant yn anhygoel a dwi'n llawn edmygedd wrth weld pa mor gyflym maent yn dysgu Cymraeg. O'r cychwyn cynta yn ysgolion Cymraeg maent yn cael eu hymdrochi'n yr iaith ac mae'n hyfyryd eu clywed yn darllen, siarad a chwarae yn Gymraeg."

Yn ôl Dylan Evans, Pennaeth Ysgol Iolo Morganwg yn Y Bont-faen: "Mae'r iaith Gymraeg yn gallu bod yn gyswilt cryf rhwng Cymry ym mhobman ac mae'n gwahaniaethu'n gwlad oddi wrth gweddill Prydain. Gall rai hunaniaeth gref i berson a theimlad o berthyn. Gall pawb yng Nghymru fod yn falch o'r iaith, hyd yn oed os nad ydyn nhw'n ei siarad. Mae'n berchen i ni i gyd."

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## A HISTORY LESSON! OLRAIN YR HANES!

1951 First meeting of the committee formed to establish Welsh education in Barry in Number 9, Park Road, Barry, home of Mr and Mrs Dan Evans.

1951 September – December. Yr Ysgol Gymraeg founded in Salem Vestry, Barry, with the salary of the teacher, Miss Elinor Williams (later Davies) paid for by parents.

1952 January 9. The council adopts the school and Yr Ysgol Gymraeg moves to the two roomed Wesleyan Chapel vestry in Cadoxton. A total of 15 children attend.

1955 Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Ffrancis founded in Barry, with 25 pupils. An annex called Coed yr Odyn was later added nearby for the infants, to accommodate increasing numbers.

1971 Ysgol Gymraeg Pen-y-Garth opens under the headship of Howard Goodfellow. A Welsh unit had operated out of Cogan School prior to this.

1974 Ysgol Iau Sant Baruc founded for juniors, with Elwyn Richards as headmaster.

1975 A Welsh unit is established at Ysgol Gynradd Y Bont-faen which becomes Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

1979 Ysgol Iolo Morganwg officially opens, under the headship of Glesni Whettleton.

1991 With demand outstripping the places available, Ysgol St Ffrancis has outgrown its premises and is merged with Ysgol Iau Sant Baruc. The new school, called Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, operates from its current site at St Paul's Avenue, Barry. It is headed up by Dilyn Griffith, who stays in his post until his retirement in July 2010. Also 90 pupils are taken to form Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig, on the site of (Lower) Bryn Hafren Girls Comprehensive, with Eleri Hourahane as headteacher.

1996 Ysgol Gymraeg Newydd starts in temporary buildings on land at Ysgol Sant Curig and later became Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant.

2000 Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg founded, with 123 pupils and 11 staff, and Dr Dylan Jones as head.

2001 Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant opens at its present site, with Glenna Griffith as headteacher.

2011 September – Two new Welsh medium schools will be opened in Barry and Llantwit Major!

\*\*\*With thanks to Mrs Rachel Williams MBE (headteacher of Sant Ffrancis from 1968-1988) and Mrs Eleri Hourahane MBE (headteacher of Sant Ffrancis 1988-1991 and Sant Curig from 1991-2006) a Mrs Cerys Whelan. Gyda diolch i chi am eich cymorth wrth olrain yr hanes – rhy bwynt i fynd yn anghof.\*\*\*

## Vale pupils on the big stage!



ABOVE: Ysgol Iolo Morganwg pupils achieved national success in the Urdd Eisteddfod!

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*"Rhaid diolch i Gymry di-Gymraeg Y Barri am addysg cyfrwng Gymraeg heddiw. Heb eu cefnogaeth nhw fyddai e ddim wedi digwydd."* Eleri Hourahane MBE

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ABOVE: Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg – winners of the Urdd's seven-a-side rugby competition

## Bro Morgannwg bridges the gap



**OPENING** Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg in Barry in 2000 with 123 pupils and 11 staff was a major boost for Welsh education in the Vale.

It meant that, for the first time, pupils from the five feeder primary schools could continue their Welsh medium education together, within the county.

Previously pupils wanting to continue their secondary education through the medium of Welsh had to travel to either Glantaf or Plasmawr in Cardiff, Llanhari or Rhydfelen in Rhondda Cynon Taf – which were not exactly on the doorstep.

But travel they did, some leaving their homes as early as 7.30am to go to their chosen school.

"That's serious dedication," said Dr Dylan Jones, Head of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg.

"It shows the extent of the commitment of both parents and pupils towards continuing with Welsh medium education.

"Founding Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg was a godsend. I was fortunate to be appointed head-teacher of the school at the outset and ten years

on I am proud of the school's achievements. Our pupils and teachers have excelled over the years and I thank them for their dedication and hard work."

Last year's examination results were certainly something to shout home about. A-Level results were the best yet, with 99 per cent of the cohort recording A\* to C grades in two or more subjects, an increase of 8 per cent on the 2009 results. At GCSE an amazing 90 per cent of pupils achieved the top A\*-C grades in five or more GCSE subjects, surpassing last year's record breaking score of 78 per cent and therefore recording the school's best ever GCSE exam results. Particularly strong was the attainment of pupils in the core subjects of Maths, Welsh and English where over 80 per cent of pupils attained a grade C or above.

Dr Jones continued: "As we celebrate our tenth anniversary at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and 60 years of Welsh education in the Vale, we look forward to welcoming two new Welsh primary schools into our fold and continuing with our successes, both in academic and extra-curricular activities."

## Balchder Bro Morgwnnw

**BU** agor Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg yn Y Barri yn 2000 gyda 123 o ddisgyblion a 11 o staff yn hwb enfawr i addysg Gymraeg yn y Fro.

Roedd yn golygu y byddai disgyblion ysgolion cynradd y Fro yn medru parhau â'u haddysg Gymraeg o fewn y sir am y tro cyntaf erioed.

Cyn hyn roedd yn rhaid i'r plant oeddi yn dymuno addysg uwchradd Gymraeg deithio i naill ai Glantaf neu Phlasmawr yng Nghaerdydd, neu i Lanhari neu Rhydfelen yn Rhondda Cynon Taf – llefydd oedd ymhell o drothwy'r drws.

Ond teithio y gwnaethon, gyda rhai yn gadael eu cartrefi mor gynnar â 7.30 y bore er mwyn cyrraedd yr ysgol.

"Dyna beth oedd ymrwymiad o'r radd flaenaf," yn ôl Dr Dylan Jones, Pennaeth Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg.

"Mae'n adlewyrchu ymroddiad y plant a'u rhieni tuag at barhau gydag addysg Gymraeg. Roedd sefydlu Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg felly yn fendith. Bues i'n ffodus i gael fy mhenodi'n bennaeth cyntaf yr ysgol a deng mlynedd yn ddiweddarach dwi'n hapus ac yn falch iawn o lwyddiannau'r ysgol. Mae'n disgyblion a'n

hathrawon wedi rhagori dros y blynyddoedd a hoffwn ddiolch iddynt am eu gwaith cyson a'u hymrwymiad llwyr."

Rhaid canu clodydd Ysgol Bro Morgannwg am arholiadau 2010. Cawsant y canlyniadau Lefel-A gorau eto, gyda 99 per cent o ddisgyblion yn derbyn graddau A\* i C mewn dau neu mwy o bynciau, cynnydd o 8 per cent ar ganlyniadau 2009.

Yn arholiadau TGAU derbyniodd 90 per cent anhygoel o'r disgyblion graddau A\* i C mewn pump neu fwy o bynciau, gan dorri record y flwyddyn cynt o 78 per cent a chofnodi'r canlyniadau TGAU gorau erioed i'r ysgol.

Yn arbennig o uchel oedd y llwyddiant yn y pynciau craidd, Mathemateg, Cymraeg a Saesneg, gyda dros 80 per cent o'r disgyblion yn llwyddo i gael gradd C neu uwch.

Dyweddodd Dr Jones: "Wrth i ni ddathlu ein deng mlynedd yma yn Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg a 60 mlynedd i addysg Gymraeg yn y Fro, disgwyliwn ymlaen yn eiddgar at groesawu dwy ysgol newydd atom ac at barhau gyda'n llwyddiannau, yn academaidd yn ogystal ag yn all-gyrsiol."

**RIGHT:**  
Youngsters enjoy singing practice at Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun y Nant.



"Thank you St Ffransis for being at the end of Five Mile Lane, but thank you even more for giving us the 'drive' to go for our own Welsh school at Cowbridge."  
Carys Whelan

"Diolch St Ffransis am fod ar ddiwedd 'Five Mile Lane' ond diolch yn bennaf am ein hysgogi i fwrw ati a chreu ysgol Gymraeg yn Y Bont-faen." Carys Whelan

## Visionary pioneers

Remarkable thanks go to those committed few who found the passion to fight for Welsh medium education.

Those present at the first meeting at 'Number Nine' Park Road in 1951 were Aneurin Talfan Davies (chairman), Dan Evans (vice-chairman), T Raymond Edwards (secretary), Alwyn Evans (assistant secretary), S.O. Rees (treasurer), Dr Edgar Jones, E Hall Williams, Vincent Pate, Glyn Ashton, Mrs Blodwen Jenkins, Miss Ellen Evans and Gwynallt Evans.

Later they were joined by Miss Olive Powell and Miss Norah Isaac.

## Arloeswyr o fri

Mawr yw'n dyled i'r rhai fu'n brwydro yn ystod y blynyddoedd cynnar. Diolchwn am eu brwdfrydedd a'u gweledigaeth.

Yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod cyntaf un yn 'Nymber Nain' Park Road ym 1951 oedd Aneurin Talfan Davies (cadeirydd), Dan Evans (is-gadeirydd), T Raymond Edwards (ysgrifennydd), Alwyn Evans (is-ysgrifennydd), S.O. Rees (trysorydd), Dr Edgar Jones, E Hall Williams, Vincent Pate, Glyn Ashton, Mrs Blodwen Jenkins, Miss Ellen Evans a Gwynallt Evans. Yn ddiweddarach ymunodd Miss Olive Powell a Miss Norah Isaac.



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## An early start in Welsh!

**RIGHT:**  
Cylch Meithrin  
Bontfaen –  
an excellent start  
in Welsh  
education for  
Cowbridge  
youngsters.



## A Personal Perspective

Joel is nine years old and is a Year 4 pupil at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg in Cowbridge.

His three older sisters attended English medium schools in the Vale and elsewhere. Neither of his parents speaks Welsh. When the family returned from abroad to Wales, it was too late to consider Welsh language education for the girls but for Joel it was a different matter.

His mum, Karen, explains:

**Why did you choose to place Joel in the Welsh system of education?**

It was a combination of factors really. Our neighbour's daughter was at Iolo Morganwg and was happy there. I worked almost full-time and link-up between the state funded Uned Feithrin at the school and the pre-school Cylch Meithrin meant that I could have wrap-around care for Joel.

**Was language a factor at all?**

Yes, of course. My husband was brought up in Monmouthshire and wasn't given the opportunity to learn Welsh. He's always regretted that and was keen for Joel to learn the language.

When the girls were young we lived in Holland and they were exposed to a second language there. They have all developed good ears for languages and we were keen for Joel to do so too.

**Did you have any concerns?**

Certainly, but I'm glad to say they haven't materialised. We were concerned mainly that we wouldn't be able to help Joel with his homework.

But in reality homework often comes home with an English explanation attached.

There's also the Welsh Language Board's Homework Support Line\*, although we haven't needed to use that at all.

As children grow older they become able to explain and translate things to you. I've heard it said that bilingual children have a better grasp of a subject if they have to explain it to someone in a different language. To be able to do that they have to fully understand what they are talking about. It's actually a good discipline.

\*Welsh Language Board Homework Support Line: 0871 230 0029 or helpline@galw.org.

## Profiad Teulu di-Gymraeg

Mae Joel yn naw mlwydd oed ac ym Mlwyddyn 4 yn Ysgol Iolo Morganwg yn Y Bont-faen.

Mae ganddo dair chwaer hŷn aeth i ysgolion cyfrwng Saesneg yn y Fro a thu hwnt. Nid yw ei rieni yn siarad Cymraeg.

Pan ail-gartrefodd y teulu yng Nghymru ar ôl byw ar y cyfandir roedd yn rhy hwyr i anfon y merched i ysgol Gymraeg ond roedd cyfle i wneud hynny gyda Joel.

Dyma eglurhad Karen, ei fam.

**Pam wnaethoch ddewis addysg Gymraeg i Joel?**

Nifer o ffactorau i ddweud y gwir. Roedd merch ein cymydog yn mynychu Ysgol Iolo Morganwg ac roedd yn hapus yno. Roeddwn yn gweithio oriau ysgol ac roedd yn bosib cael gofal i Joel am yr oriau hynny, diolch i'r cyswllt agos rhwng Uned Feithrin yr ysgol â'r Cylch Meithrin.

**Oedd y Gymraeg yn factor o gwbwl?**

Oedd wrth gwrs. Cafodd fy ngŵr ei fagu yn Sir Fynwy a chafodd e mo'r cyfle i ddysgu Cymraeg. Mae'n flin am hynny ac roedd yn awyddus i Joel ddysgu'r iaith.

Pan oedd ein merch yn ifanc roeddwn yn byw yn yr Iseldiroedd a chawson nhw'r cyfle i gael profi ail iaith yno. Maent wedi datblygu clustiau da ar gyfer ieithoedd o ganlyniad ac roeddwn eisau i Joel wneud hefyd.

**Fel teulu di-Gymraeg oedd gennych unrhyw amheuan?**

Oedd yn sicr ond braf yw nodi nad ydynt wedi cael eu gwireddu. Roeddwn yn beco yn bennaf na fyddwn yn gallu helpu Joel gyda'i waith cartref.

Ond mae gwaith cartref yn aml yn dod adre â chyfieithiad neu esboniad.

Hefyd mae modd cysylltu â Llinell Cefnogi Gwaith Cartref Bwrdd yr Iaith Gymraeg\*, er nad ydym wedi gorfod gwneud hynny'n personol.

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ABOVE: Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig pupils enjoying their outdoor activities.

### MYTH:

Children get confused if they learn more than one language. Not at all – when learning any language young children mix and experiment with words. This doesn't mean they're confused, it's part and parcel of learning.

### MYTH:

Mae plant yn drysu os ydynt yn dysgu mwy nag un iaith.

Dim o gwbwl – wrth ddysgu unrhyw iaith bydd plant ifanc yn arbrofi gyda geiriau. Nid yw hyn yn golygu eu bod wedi'u drysu, mae'n rhan annatod o ddysgu.



Harri Williams and Lauren Dawe, house captains for Llywelyn raise the 2011 Sant Baruc Eisteddfod Cup.

## A happy memory

*Atgofion... Fan Dan Evans yn asglu'r plant bob bore*  
*Memories... Dan Evans' van collecting the children each morning*

*If you have memories of Welsh education in the Vale that you'd like to share with other GEM readers, please write in to the editor at gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk*

*Os oes gennych chi atgofion i'w rhannu am addysg Gymraeg yn y Fro, ysgrifennwch i mewn at y golygydd gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk*

### Y Frwydr

*Ar ôl pwyllogora a llafurio,  
Ar ôl pregethu a darlithio,  
I godi arian, pob rhyw esgus,  
A phoeni'r mawrion ym myd addysg,  
Fe gafwyd ysgol i'n plantas ni,  
Er llai a thanddearol hi.  
St Ffransis wedyn, a Choed-yr-Odyn,  
Baruc Sant, unedau meithrin,  
A nawr yn dathlu'r oed yn ddeugen  
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# Out and About with The GEM

## What is on and when & where in your area?

**Table top sale**  
THERE will be a table top sale in Peterston-Super-Ely Church and Community Hall in aid of hall funds on Saturday, April 9 from 10am-12noon. Entry is free and everyone is welcome. To book a table, contact Pat on 01446 760267, tables are £5. This is in addition to

the usual village market, which is held on the second Saturday of every month in the small hall from 10am-12noon, selling homemade cakes, preserves, produce, plants and books.

Freshly brewed Fairtrade coffee and teas are served. All proceeds go towards the improvement and maintenance of the hall.

**Nearly new sale**  
A PENARTH charity, BATS (Baby and

Toddler Social) is holding a nearly new sale on Saturday, April 9, at the Paget Rooms, Penarth, from 2pm-3.30pm.

Entrance is £1 per person and there will be a wide range of children's and baby clothes, toys and equipment. **Art4U music workshop**  
A MUSIC workshop is being held at Canon Hill Artspace, Canon Street, Barry, on Saturday, April 9, between 12noon-1.30pm.

Instruments are provided, but feel free to bring your own and help create a special Art4U musical experience!

Art4U is a voluntary organisation set up to share creativity and the viewing of art with the community.

**Llantrithyd coffee morning**  
THE Brooke Hospital for Animals, Vale of Glamorgan Supporters Group, is holding a coffee morning on Wednesday, April 13, at 10.30am at Llantrithyd House, near Cowbridge.

Entry is £3 (including coffee and biscuits) and home produce and cakes will be on sale.

### Blood donors

THE Welsh Blood Service will hold donor sessions this month as follows:

**Memorial Hall, Bryncoch, Bryncethin, Bridgend, on Friday, April 8, 10am-6pm.**

**Bridgend: Mobile Donation Clinic, Asda Store, Coychurch Road, Bridgend, Monday, April 11, 11.15am-1.45pm and 3.15pm-7pm.**

To attend this session it is advisable to make an appointment as these donors will take priority. Please call 01443 622193 or e-mail donor.appointments@wales.nhs.uk to make one.

**Vale: Bedwas Hall, Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, Barry, Tuesday, April 19, 10am-6pm.**

The event will be signposted from the A48 (Aubrey Arms). For enquiries, contact Alex Rees 01446 781286 or Joy Rees 01446 781955.

**Guild meeting**  
THE GLAMORGAN Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers meets on Wednesday, April 13, at 7.30pm.

Claire Carter, the chair of Penarth Quilters Guild, will give a talk about different designs. The venue is The Old School, Sully; members £2, visitors £5.

For further details, telephone Kirsten Gable on 01443 650336 or email kirstengable@hotmail.com

**Easter fayre**  
BARRY Arts Centre is holding an Easter fayre and auction at Barry Arts Centre, Winston Road, Barry, on Saturday, April 16 (doors open at 12noon).

Admission is 30p, with free admission for children accompanied by adults. There will be stalls with bargains for all the family, an Easter bonnet competition for children of all ages and games. During the fayre, there will be an auction of jewellery and gifts.

Contact 029 2063 3217 for more details.

**Llancarfan jumble sale**  
A JUMBLE sale is being held at Llancarfan village hall on Saturday, April 16.

The doors open at 1.30pm and all proceeds will go to local charities.

**RNLI charity coffee morning**

THE RNLI will be holding a coffee morning at All Saints Church Hall, Victoria Road, Penarth, on Saturday, April 16, from 10.30am - 12 noon. There will be cake, bottle, jewellery and scarf stalls, and a raffle.

Celebrate Easter early at...  
**CRAFT FAIR**  
Saturday 9th April, 10am-4pm  
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## NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

### Spring and summer walking programme has been finalised

THERE were no group walks at the end of March because members of the group, including many walk leaders, spent the weekend in Pembrokeshire, where they are walking the Pembrokeshire coastal path.

Some were walking it for the second time, and fortunately they were blessed with dry weather.

Those leaders that were left behind took time out to relax and enjoy some peace or reflect on their forthcoming walks for the next six months, as the new programme is in circulation.

The Thursday evening summer walks will begin on May 12, through to the second week in August with a series, usually less than five miles, that take around two hours to complete and are open to everyone.

So if you fancy walking for example, at Porthkerry, Wenvoe, Dinas Powys, Cosmeston, Barry Island and the Knap, Pop Hill and Biglis Moors or Nash Point to relax after a hard day, or simply to unwind or meet new people and to become healthier and fitter - this could be for you.

The new spring/summer programme contains walks in the Black Mountains, the central Beacons, the Malvern Hills, Skenfrith, Margam, Afan Argoed, Trellech, Gower, St Fagans, Peterston, Monknash, Blackmill, the banks of the Taff in Cardiff and Garth Hill - to name but a few.

There will be a linear walk from Talybont in the Brecon Beacons back to the Storey Arms using the local bus as transport, and two local train rambles

using the Vale of Glamorgan railway.

Walkers can come to the magnificent waterfalls at Pontneddfechan, or search for a waterfall or visit caves and take the one-man ferry in the Wye Valley, or nearer to home, visit the Giant's Bite near Quakers Yard.

The walks are in place, all we need now is some good weather with clear visibility and a good time will be had by all!

On April 9, meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile moderate walk in the Royal Forest of Dean; contact Val/Terry on 029 2070 6315/029 2059 5791.

On April 10, meet 9.30am at the Barry Waterfront for a seven-mile easy/moderate walk at the Sharpness canal and the barge graveyard; contact Janet/John on 01446 418514.

The mid-week walk on April 12 will leave Cogan at 9am for a six-mile moderate walk at Llandegfedd; contact Anne on 029 2070 0829.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks.

Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

For details of other walks log onto [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk).

JOY STRANGWARD

### New exhibition at the station gallery

THE Vale of Glamorgan Artists' Group will be opening their second show, entitled 'Journeys 2', at the Traveller's Gallery at Barry Station on Monday, April 11, until Friday, April 20.

This follows last year's successful debut exhibition at the café/gallery, which is operated by the charity Mind in the Vale as a work experience setting for people recovering from mental health problems. It is open mornings Mondays to Fridays, 7.30am - 1.30pm.

### NATIONAL HUNT HORSE RACING

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### Church's arts and crafts workshop

ALL Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding an Easter arts and crafts workshop for accompanied children of all ages on Sunday, April 17, from 3pm to 4.30pm.

Activities will include Easter gardens, card making, chocolate nests and much more! Refreshments will be served and the afternoon will include a short time of worship. All are welcome.

### Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D664.

● The rollover, which now stands at £3,000, was not won this week.

● £2,000: 792484.

● £10: 948990;

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● £5: 697908;

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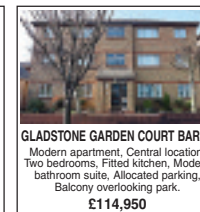
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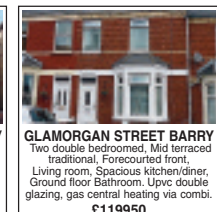
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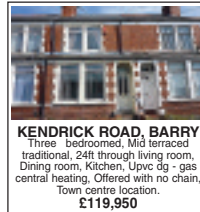
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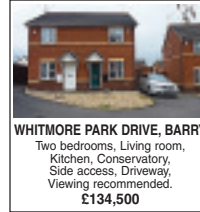
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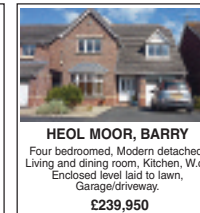
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 Four bedroomed, Modern detached, Living and dining room, Kitchen, W.c., Enclosed level laid to lawn, Garage/driveway.  
**£239,950**



**COLCOT ROAD, BARRY**  
 Show home presented, semi detached bungalow, versatile living, lounge, kitchen/dining room, sitting room or bedroom, two bedrooms, enclosed well kept gardens to rear, driveway providing ample parking.  
**£239,950**



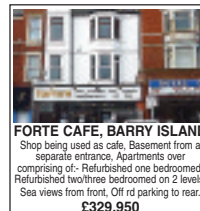
**COED Y FELIN, BARRY**  
 Showhome presented, Four bedrooms (master ensuite), Living room opening to open, Plan dining room/kitchen, 2008 fitted conservatory, Sitting room (covered garage), Utility room, w.c. Cloakroom, Driveway providing parking, 2008 replacement combi boiler.  
**£239,950**



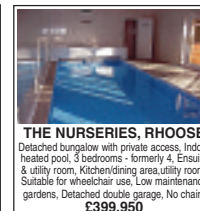
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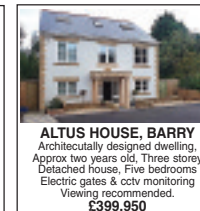
**THE MOORINGS, BARRY**  
 Semi detached dwelling, Dorma bungalow, Situated on a large plot, Three/four bedrooms, Living room & conservatory, Sought after location, Ample room to extend (subject to usual planning consent), Garage/driveway, Spacious living.  
**£329,950**



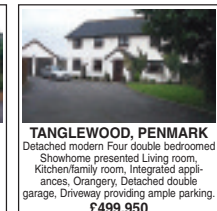
**FORTE CAFE, BARRY ISLAND**  
 Shop being used as cafe, Basement from a separate entrance, Apartments over comprising of - Refurbished one bedroomed, Refurbished two three bedroomed on 2 levels, Sea views from front, Off rd parking to rear.  
**£329,950**



**THE NURSERIES, RHOOSE**  
 Detached bungalow with private access, Indoor heated pool, 3 bedrooms - formerly 4, Ensuite & utility room, Kitchen/dining area, utility room, Suitable for wheelchair use, Low maintenance gardens, Detached double garage, No chain.  
**£399,950**



**ALTUS HOUSE, BARRY**  
 Architecturally designed dwelling, Approx two years old, Three storey Detached house, Five bedrooms Electric gates & cctv monitoring Viewing recommended.  
**£399,950**



**TANGLEWOOD, PENMARK**  
 Detached modern Four double bedroomed Showhome presented Living room, Kitchen/family room, Integrated appliances, Orangery, Detached double garage, Driveway providing ample parking.  
**£499,950**







## The Ath's unbeaten run comes to an end

LEFT: Full back Lyndsey MaCausland in action.

BRIDGEND Athletic saw their unbeaten league run come to an end at the hands of Bonymaen last Saturday. See the full match report on page 48.



ABOVE: Outside half Steven Lewis fends off a tackle.



Wing LLOYD Pemberton crosses for a try - but it wasn't enough for the Ath.

## Golf club enjoy success, and have plenty of fun!



ABOVE and RIGHT: As you can see there was lots of fun had at the recent Pyle & Kenfig ladies dinner!

### THE MARY NICHOLLS FOURSOMES

Heather Jenkins and Del Raikes won against Llantrisant 7/6, on a very windy day at Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club.

### LADY CAPTAIN'S COFFEE MORNING

9 hole competition - We woke on Wednesday morning to the best start we could wish for, with blue skies and sunshine.

The event was very well attended with our own members and visitors turning out in force, making the day very special indeed.

A total of 28 teams entered with visitors from Maesteg, three teams, Grove (5), Neath (3), Gower, Swansea Bay (3), and Langland Bay.

The cakes donated were delicious and sold very quickly. There was also a great selection of prizes generously donated.

Prize winners were: Visitors: Grove - Irene Hopkins, 22 points; Grove - Jackie Sexton, 21 points; P&K: Cheryl Weston, 20 points; Norma Howell, 19 points.

Thank you very much for all your support - it was very much appreciated.

### CORONATION FOURSOMES

March 23 (ongoing) - Winners: Cheryl Western and Mary Ellis, 37 points; runners-up: Ros Williams and Gaynor Lavelle, 34.

## Pencoed under-10s prove their abilities

**PENCOED under-10s are finding their best form towards the end of another successful season.**

Last weekend saw Bridgend's district champions travel to Newbury RFC to compete in one of the largest rugby festivals on the calendar.

Pencoed were up against district champions Plymouth Ivy Bridge, Bracknell, Portsmouth Trojans, Newbury Blues, Winchester Reading, all of whom had a very good chance of winning the tournament.

From the first game, Pencoed showed their handling skills. Tyron Harding always looked dangerous with the ball. The Bending boys were destructive at the mauls and Pencoed ran in five tries in their first game with a dominant display.

Cael Chamberlain sucked in the defence, and again another five tries were run in with none conceded. As the games went on throughout the day the pattern continued.

PB



### P & K LADIES DAILY MAIL TEAM

The team played away against Southern Ladies in the third round.

It was a well fought match but unfortunately we lost. I wish to thank all that were involved in the team - the players, reserves and caddies and a special thank you to our supporters. It is much appreciated and lovely to see familiar faces cheering us on.

### Sian Thomas - teams captain PYLE & KENFIG LADIES TEAMS 2011

We have three teams, and handicap dictates: 1st team: Sian Thomas (c), Alison Hurry, Joan John, Cheryl Western, Claire Morris.

Second team: Milly Phillips, Sue Forbes (c), Cora Edwards, Eira Jones, Gwyneth Parsons.

Third team: Ros Williams, Heather Jenkins, Kay Sinclair (c), Lucy Evans, Gaynor Lavelle.

### PYLE AND KENFIG LADY VETS AGM

Captain: Sue Richards; vice-captain - Irene Jones; secretary - Ann Thomas; treasurer - Madeline Hanford; committee members (x2) - Ros Cooper (three years), Myra Jones (two years).

### P & K LADIES DINNER

FOLLOWING the dinner and prizegiving, a show of 'sketches' was put on by a small team of lady members which were hilarious.

Opening the show with Welsh folk dancing with the sad Welsh lady (Jeanette Vincent - the star of most of the skits) being excluded by the other dancers - it was so funny!

Clever golf poems, and more sketches, including the bus stop, entertained the full house, concluding with a panto on 9 holes, with a genie for each hole.

Lady captain Liz Attwood was delighted with the evening.

DPH

## Kenfig Hill rugby round up

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 48)

The Mules dominated the second half but were only able to add one further try from full-back Mark Fitzgerald, who had yet another excellent all round game.

There was a school of thought that the coaches' man of the match should be Mark Jones, but it was decided that flanker Keiron Tomlin should win the plaudits with his best-ever display for the Mules, closely followed by fellow forwards Gareth Downes and Dai Dent.

Also, a special mention for prop Steve Burnett who gave another 100 per cent display despite carrying a leg

injury that he received in the first 10 minutes of the match.

### Kenfig Hill/Cornelly Youth 12 Briton Ferry 19

**A GOOD performance by the Youth in this defeat by the Ferry.**

Callum Wilmot had another outstanding game with Lee Arrowsmith also playing well.

Kenfig Hill scorers: Chris Leyshon (try), Tom Lodwig (try), Lloyd Bradley (conversion).

GOS

## Porthcawl under-16s reach Cup final after big victory

PORTHCAWL under-16s  
ABERCRAVE under-16s

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**PORTHCAWL under-16s powered their way into the Ospreys Cup final with a superb display of rugby at South Road in front of a large crowd.**

Abercrave had defeated this Porthcawl side in the Ospreys Cup previously at under-12s and under-13s when they went on to win the competition, so this was a game that the young Seaweeds were looking forward to.

The deadlock was broken by Tom Black, who received the ball in midfield after superb forward play and beat three defenders to score a well taken try which was converted by Huw Mitchell.

Winger Lloyd Rosser

Stanford scored next after fine backs play when the ball was spread wide and, with the Abercrave defence in array, Rosser Stanford received the ball and beat his defender for pace to score in the corner; this was well converted by Mitchell.

A couple of forward drives led to Iestyn Merriman crossing the line with three defenders on his back, and this was superbly converted from the touch line by Huw Mitchell.

Winger Gareth Rees got the fourth and final try of the half when good back play saw the ball spread both ways, until a long pass in midfield opened up the defence and the winger beat a number of defenders before diving over in the corner.

There was no let up in



Iestyn Merriman scores a try.

the second half and after some good pressure from the Porthcawl forwards, a maul was formed and, from this Owen Wright went over the line to score the first try of the second half, which was converted by Mitchell.

Young outside-half Mitchell scored next, showing great skill and strength to force his way over the line.

Winger Rees, who was having a great day,

scored his second try when he danced around a number of defenders to score in the corner, and this was converted by Mitchell.

The next try came from scrum-half Geraint Watkin who scored in the corner.

The final try of the day came from second row Kieran Black, who showed a great turn of pace to score, following some enterprising play.

The final whistle was then blown as the 50-point margin had been reached.

This was a fantastic game of rugby, played at high intensity and although a convincing win for the young Seaweeds, Abercrave played their part in a very entertaining match and full credit must go to them for playing hard up to the final whistle.

Porthcawl under-16s now look forward to a repeat of last year's final when they will take on Aberavon Greenstars at Llandarcy on Sunday, May 8, 3pm kick-off; supporters buses are being arranged.

PB

Action from the lineout.





## Performance packs punch as...



Calum Rogers on another strong run.

**SOUTH Wales Police welcomed Cwmgrach to Waterton Cross and looked to build on the previous week's win against fourth-placed Hirwaun.**

From the kick-off the Police looked to take the game to the visitors and within minutes found themselves a try up,

with some great passing finally seeing the ball go to centre Matt Cunningham who threw a lovely dummy to go over in the corner. Outside-half Ryan Miles hit the upright with the conversion.

The Police backs looked dangerous with ball in hand and full-back Craig Davies made some brilliant breaks and lovely angles from the full-back slot.

## The Police excel against Cwmgrach

**SOUTH WALES POLICE 22  
CWMGRACH RFC 3**

The second try came when a good run from No 8 Calum Rogers saw the ball recycled quickly through several set of hands to Darly Thomas, who went over in the corner. Not to be outdone, opposite wing Mark Downs added another try with outside-half Miles adding the extras.

The Police pushed for the bonus point and it came towards the end of the second half with player/coach Gareth Bishop forcing his way over.

Prominent for the Police were Jason Davies, Gary Money, Calum Rogers and Chris Price.

BS



ABOVE: SWALEC Junior Stars winners, Tondy under-15s with coaches Jason Jenkins (left) and Andrew James.

## Tondy under-15s win honour!

**A JUNIOR rugby team from Tondy has been selected for a once-in-a-lifetime training opportunity thanks to a competition run by Welsh energy provider SWALEC.**

A dream will come true for the junior side when they join members of Warren Gatland's Welsh

international coaching staff, as well as a host of international players, at the WRU National Centre of Excellence for a full day training session.

Tondy RFC under-15s have been selected to be SWALEC's 2011 'Junior Stars' and will join three other winning teams.

Tondy RFC's under-15s were nominated by their team coach, Andrew James, who clearly out-

lined his team's commitment to fundraising, overcoming adversity and team play.

Wales international player, Ryan Jones, commented: "This is a great opportunity to showcase and recognise the teams who are really contributing to their club, school or community, and help them gain some valuable experience."



The Ath A team with their trophy.

## Ath A and B under-10s in tournament action

**THE Ath were tournament hosts this week and entered an A and B team.**

**POOL A: Bridgend Athletic under-10 As**

**Game 1:** Ath played Newport, winning 10-0 with tries from Daniel O'Sullivan and Connor Fabian.

**Game 2:** The As beat Penallta 25-10 with tries scored by Dan O'Sullivan, Gwilym John (3) and Thomas Anthony.

**Game 3:** Ath beat Bryncethin 15-5 with Connor Fabian (2) and Thomas Anthony scoring.

**Game 4:** The As beat Bridgend Sports 35-0 with tries from Connor Fabian (3), Sam Veasey (2), Gwilym John, and Dan O'Sullivan. Ath upped their game to secure a place in the final.

As pool A winners, this set up a final against

Crymch, who had won pool B. In a tense and evenly matched final the final score in normal time finished 1-1, with Connor Fabian scoring for the Ath.

This set up a five-minute extra time period with a golden try rule, and with approximately two minutes remaining, a penalty was awarded to the Ath, 10 yards out from the Crymch line.

Dan O'Sullivan crashed over to score, giving the Ath a hard fought 10-5 win to lift the cup.

**POOL B: Bridgend Athletic under-10 Bs**

**Game 1:** Against Swansea Uplands As, the B's were unlucky to lose 25-20 in an end-to-end game with Jade Thomas (3) and Louis King scoring.

**Game 2:** Against a strong Crymch A side, they won 25-0.

**Game 3:** The Bs played Pontyclun As who ran out 10-5 winners, with Jade Thomas scoring for the Ath.

**Game 4:** The Ath played Tondy As, who ran out 25-0 winners. Despite the results, the Ath Bs played some good rugby and showed some good character in each game.

Congratulations to Bridgend Sports, who ran out winners in the plate final.

**Ath As:** Teo Fillis, Jack Obbard, Ffion Revill, Thomas Anthony, Gwilym John, Jamie Marshall, Connor Fabian, Daniel O'Sullivan, Thomas Reed, Sam Veasey, Sion Vigus.

**Ath Bs:** Jade Thomas, Louis King, Christopher Hart, Charles Creffield, Lance Burn, Brandyn Fooks, Daffydd Beech, Morgan Evans, James Hermoille, William Goodall, Josh Tidy, Kasser Mehta.

## Phoenix fight hard for well earned win

**RIGHT: Marina Newth and Sarah Hughes stop a Whitland attacker.**

**PENCOED PHOENIX 15  
WHITLAND WOMEN 7**

**PHOENIX started well, winning early turnover ball at the ruck against their more experienced Division 1 West opponents.**

The home side opened the scoring after 10 minutes. Wing Jo Poupon was denied a try on her birthday, held up just short, before scrum-half Louise Jones capitalised on the resultant ruck ball to cross.

The visitors then went on the attack and only superb Phoenix defence kept them out, with vital tackles from centre Jade Mullen, and skipper Marina Newth.

Phoenix returned to the attack and following pressure on Whitland, Newth crossed determinedly from a short penalty. Approaching the interval again, good defence from Phoenix kept Whitland at bay, Mullen again prominent, along with Sam Humphrey, with tackles close to their own line.

Phoenix led 10-0 at the break.

Early in the second half, Poupon threatened with a swerving run infield, and only scrambled defence stopped Phoenix scoring. Full-back Hannah Jenkins was giving Whitland plenty of problems with her evasive running, often turning defence into attack.

Phoenix then stretched their lead, flanker Amy Stevens pouncing on a loose ball following pressure at the scrum.

Whitland kept themselves in the match with a converted try, but Phoenix ran out deserved 15-7 winners.

The foundations for this victory were again down to the home pack, the front row of Charlie Willis, Lowri Reeves, and Alana Shakespeare on top at the set, with Shakespeare sporting a huge shiner post-match for her efforts.

Second row Hannah Brunskill again provid-



Amy Stevens breaks a tackle.

ed plenty of possession, with Mullen and Jenkins catching the eye behind the scrum.

For the second match in succession, Sarah Hughes, playing in the

**Photographs by  
JULIE HANCOCK**

## Phoenix fly to Spain

**THESE are quite exciting times for Pencoed RFC Phoenix, who soon embark on their first tour to Spain!**

A squad of 21 players, plus coaches and supporters, will fly out from Cardiff on April 10 for a week. They will play the La Vila rugby club at the Nuevo Estadio, Villajoyosa, home of the Benidorm Sevens.

Both clubs are at the same stage of development, with the long term objective of the La Vila Club to provide players for the national sevens squad, which will represent Spain in the 2016 Brazil Olympic Games! A most interesting experience awaits the Phoenix players.

Since playing their first competitive match

in April, 2010, Phoenix have made rapid strides, winning the national senior women's development league in some style, and currently doing well following entry to Division 1 West.

A presentation evening will be held at the clubhouse on May 21 to celebrate their development league success, and recognise individual contributions during the season.

Phoenix now look to build, and rugby development sessions are taking place every Wednesday at 5pm for under-15 girls. Eligible players must be over 12/under-15 on September 1, 2010; no experience necessary, qualified coaches in attendance.

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## Porthcawl under-11s are involved in a thriller against Cowbridge

**THE Seaweeds visited Cowbridge for the second time this year after inflicting a heavy defeat on them back in January.**

The Green and Whites scored the first try of the morning, but this was cancelled out by a fantastic individual try from Louis Protheroe. The Green and Blacks' forwards were now matching the Cowbridge pack and giving scrum-half

Ben Roach copious amounts of possession to play with.

After some strong rucking from Ethan Waters, Ben Collins, Cameron Williams, Max Budding, Kurtis Pridmore, Lloyd Mortimer and Tim Leese, the Porthcawl backs finally got into their stride and scored their second try, courtesy of Will Mahoney.

The Seaweeds were now well on top and ran in three more tries, from Ben Roach, Harry Evans and Zak

Furness Jones, before half-time.

This match, as they say, was a game of two halves, as the second period saw Cowbridge emerge from their stupor.

The Vale side scored four quick tries and could have had more if it wasn't for the defensive efforts of Connor Harrington-Pittam, Callum Morgan and Matthew Azzopardi. This recovery, though, was short lived as Ben Roach claimed two hero-

ic man of the match tries to seal a hard fought win for the Seaisiders.

Both sides converted all of their tries, with Ethan Waters kicking for Porthcawl.

**Final score: Cowbridge 35 Porthcawl 49.**

Back of the match was Ben Roach with the forward of the match award going to Ben Collins.

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## COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP

# Pupils enjoy success in many sports!

## TENNIS

THE senior boys tennis squad won the first round of the national Glavill cup competition against a strong Howells side and Cardiff Castle Club.

Captain Tom Kamal and Adam Wood got the school off to a good start with a 6-1 win in the doubles.

The Humphries brothers, David and Jonathan, also won their doubles match by the same score.

Former Cowbridge pupil Will Campbell was in the Howells side, but he could not cope with the power of Jonathan Humphries, who served well.

Captain Kamal dropped only one game in his singles match as Cowbridge cruised to a 5-1 win overall.

Adam Wood lost his singles match and blamed a lack of tennis practice on the fact that he has mostly been focusing on his rugby defence and spending many evenings in London, cooking up a variety of exotic dishes for city celebrities; well done Adam!

## INDOOR CRICKET

AFTER coming second in the Cardiff and Vale Indoor Cricket Tournament, Cowbridge were asked to play in the Welsh final due to a school from Pembroke unable to attend.

There were eight schools in the final at the SWALEC Stadium Cardiff; Cathedral School (Cardiff), Glan Afan (Port Talbot), Dyffryn Taf (Carmarthen) and Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen (Bethesda) making up pool A and Bassleg (Newport), Glyncroed (Ebbw Vale), Hawarden (Deeside) and Cowbridge making up pool B.

The pool round was a round robin competition. Cowbridge faced Hawarden in their first game.

Cowbridge fielded first, the bowling by Laurie Thomas, Emily Davies, Josie Palmer and Maddie Breed was accurate and Hawardian found it hard.

Megan McNamee was also excellent as wicket keeper and Hawarden scored 46.

Cowbridge then batted, and with the first ball Josie Palmer was bowled out.

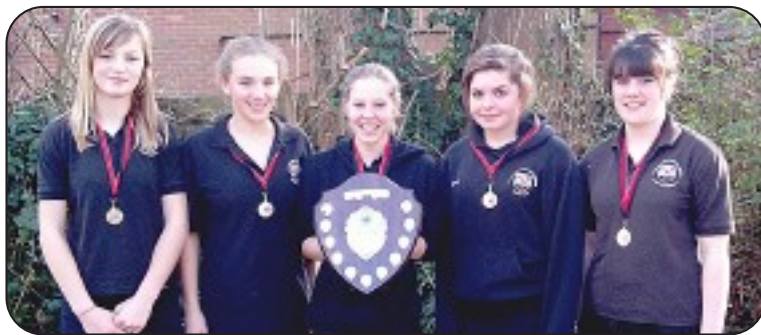
Megan McNamee and Laurie Thomas faced the rest of the overs until the 9th over, when Megan got caught out and Rosa Hartman came in.

At this point Cowbridge had scored 46. In the 10th and final over Hawardian bowled two wickets to give Cowbridge the win!

In the second game, Cowbridge played Bassleg with Cowbridge



The girls indoor cricket team.



The years 9-11 winning cross country team.

fielding first. Bassleg scored 76, and again the four bowlers Laurie, Emily, Maddie and Josie were accurate and didn't give many wickets.

Hetty Breed, Laurie and Rosa Hartman also took wickets throughout the game.

Cowbridge then batted and had to face some very fast bowling from the Bassleg team.

Unfortunately Bassleg took all 8 wickets by the 10th over, where Cowbridge scored 42.

In the third game, Cowbridge faced Glyncroed.

Cowbridge had to win to progress to the semi final. Cowbridge fielded first and again there was excellent fielding by the whole team but in particular Olivia Wood who took two catches from Laurie Thomas' deliveries.

Glyncroed scored 46. Cowbridge knew what they needed to achieve to progress through and Glyncroed bowled very accurately and didn't give any wides/byes; however, with Megan McNamee, Rosa Hartman and Laurie Thomas consistently hitting 15 against the net, their total soon added up, scoring 47 to win in the 9th over.

Cowbridge went on to win by 10 runs. Bassleg came first, and Cowbridge second, to go through to the semi finals.

Cathedral won the other pool with Dyffryn Taf School in second.

In the semi finals, Bassleg met Dyffryn Taf and a surprise win by Dyffryn put them into the final.

Cowbridge faced Cathedral. Cowbridge batted first and scored 44 for 7 wickets with Emily Davies batting well.

The course is roughly

Cathedral then went into bat, and Emily Davies and Laurie Thomas took two quick wickets each, which scared the Cathedral team; however by the 6th over, Cathedral had passed Cowbridge's score to win the semi final.

In the final, Cathedral faced Dyffryn Taf School with Cathedral the winners, and they will go on to represent Wales at Lords in the national finals.

Player of the match: Laurie Thomas.

## HOCKEY

THE year-9 hockey team played Porthcawl on the hottest day of the year so far!

Izzy Eddy Williams once again gave 100 per cent throughout the match, and Clare Davies made some excellent tackles in defence.

Niamh Gallagher and Eliza Smith also played strongly, feeding the ball from defence to attack. In the first half Cowbridge dominated, however they could not find the back of the goals and on several occasions Porthcawl attacked then scored; at the end of the first half it was 2-0 to Porthcawl.

In the second half Bryony Roberts scored a well deserved goal for Cowbridge, however Porthcawl quickly replied by scoring, making the final score 3-1.

Player of the match: Niamh Gallagher.

## CROSS COUNTRY

COWBRIDGE cross country team competed in the annual sand dune cross country race at St John's, Porthcawl.

This is an invitation race where Monmouth girls, Brynteg, Howells, Cowbridge and St John's schools compete.

The course is roughly

2.5 miles over pebbles, sand dunes and road. In the year-7 and 8 girls race, Welsh national schools champion Seren Allin (year-7) came first by over two minutes, with Ela Emyr (year-8) in second, Nadine James (year-8) fourth and Alice Tudor (year-8) sixth, making up the scoring team to come first, ahead of Howells.

Other results were Rebecca Thomas (year-8) seventh, Brooke Langton-Cryer (year-8) tenth, Niamh Jenkins (year-7) 19th, Cerys Bradshaw (year-7) 21st and Alicia Thomas (year-7) 24th.

In the under-16 race, Fiona Bray (year-11), who came 12th at the Welsh Nationals, came first place, winning by over one minute; Miriam Bennett (year-10) came third, Megan Langton-Cryer (year-9) seventh, and Ffion Hopkin (year-9) came 12th, to make up the team who came first, with Monmouth girls in second place.

Sophie Thomas (year-9) also came 14th.

After the race, the athletes were treated to tea and cakes, and both teams came home with their big winner's shields; well done!

St John's Porthcawl invitation race

THIS annual event was held in spring-like weather on the dunes course at Porthcawl.

The under-13 boys finished second overall by one point from Monmouth Public School; second, Rian Thomas, team score 19 points; fourth, Ellis Rosser, Monmouth, 18; sixth, Dewi Bennett; seventh, Alex Love; eighth, Huw Bennett; 12th, Sean Davies; 13th, Luke Jeffries; 20th, Kristian Jones.

The under-16 boys team also finished second

and to a strong Monmouth School; Fifth, Tom Owen; sixth, Tom Morgan; eighth, Jason Sami; 12th, Miles Jenkins; 17th, Chris Powell; 19th, Liam Martin.

**BASKETBALL**  
COWBRIDGE year-8 and year-9 played in the Cardiff and Vale Basketball finals at the Welsh Institute of Sport in Sophia Gardens on Tuesday, March 22.

Both games were tough, but they came through and won both.

**Year 8:** This was a tough game against an unbeaten Cardiff High team who train at UWIC and play national league.

Cowbridge, who were also unbeaten, were up for the game.

They went five points down in the first two minutes, and Tom Trotman picked up a foul.

This was the first time they had experienced

pressure, having won all their Vale games at a canter.

They were up to the task, and gradually began to catch up and build a lead.

Cardiff never gave up and kept the pressure on.

Tom Trotman was mercurial in both defence and attack, scoring an amazing 18 points out of 40 points scored.

It was a fitting end to the season, running out fairly easy winners 40-29.

Tom easily won the man of the match award, but was ably supported by Joe Davies, Ben Jones, Ellis Rosser and David Humphreys.

**Squad:** Tom Trotman, Ben Jones, Adam Jones, Ellis Rosser, Amos Booth, David Humphreys, Harvey Stockford, Huw Bennett, Fraser McGhan, Mathew Harper, Michael Mirani, Joe Davies.

**Year 9:** In the year-9 final Cowbridge played

Barry Boys, a side they had beaten comfortably in the league.

Whether it was complacency or a huge improvement by Barry, this was not an easy game.

Barry were obviously hurt and Cowbridge were slow off the mark and expected their shots to go in.

They narrowly lost the first quarter and were in foul trouble.

They were also facing their first defeat in two years.

A change in defensive structure, a stern talking to and an increase in confidence, however, brought Cowbridge back into the game.

The third quarter proved decisive.

Barry, too, were now in foul trouble as it was a hugely physical game with both teams picking up a number of fouls.

Harry Stubbington was marked out of the game by Nico from

Barry, who limited him to four points only, but at a cost!

To do it he picked up four fouls and had to be taken off and kept in reserve for the last quarter.

This proved decisive, with Cowbridge scoring eight points without reply.

The last quarter was played out with both teams running the bench and Cowbridge ran out winners 36-21.

Top scorer was Matty Roberts with 12 points.

They now look forward to the South Wales championships at Rhondda Fach Leisure Centre on Wednesday, April 13.

**Squad:** Harry Stubbington, George Griffiths, Alex Greaves, Joe Gaughan, Matt Roberts, Declain Thomas, Miles Jenkins, Tom Trotman, Sean Rowlands, Lloyd Elms.

## The Cowbridge under-12s' 'double' over Porthcawl

COWBRIDGE earned a hard fought 21-15 win over Porthcawl under floodlights for the second time this season.

Both teams scored three tries apiece but the visitors were able to convert all three tries to the home side's nose.

In the first half, tries by Dan Bunney (2) and Cai Evans, who was also successful with the conversions, provided a platform from which Cowbridge were able to dominate.

Good support play from forwards Duncan Ace, Matthew Keating and Tomos Evans-Williams kept Cowbridge on the front foot for most of the half, with scrum half Osian John tidying up any loose ball with some astute kicking.

Just before half time a good run

by second row James Waters, supported by hooker Charlie Martin, resulted in a ruck within two metres of the line, but excellent defence from the Porthcawl forwards prevented the visitors from scoring a fourth try.

In the second half, Porthcawl lifted their game to score three tries of their own, and only sound tackling by James Holder, Harry Hopkins and Sean Davies kept their opponents at bay.

Despite constant pressure from the home side, Cowbridge held out for a narrow win.

Cowbridge backs Michael Thomas and Toff Patel both stood out, while props Tom Edwards and Ben Terry competed well in the scrums against heavier opponents.

**Cowbridge exit the Blues Cup in semi-final defeat**

THE scoreline of 32-7 does not

reflect the effort and spirit of the Cowbridge XV in this semi final against Pontypriid.

Playing against a massive pack, the Cowbridge forwards are to be commended for their brave performance, particularly in the first half, when they dominated both possession and territory.

Matthew Keating and Duncan Ace were outstanding in the loose and only desperate defence by the visitors prevented Cowbridge crossing their line.

Two break away tries at the end of the half gave Pontypriid a 12 point lead, and a quick third try at the start of the second half virtually killed off the tie.

Three further tries were added before Cowbridge scored a consolation try by Dan Bunney, which was converted by outside half Cai Evans.



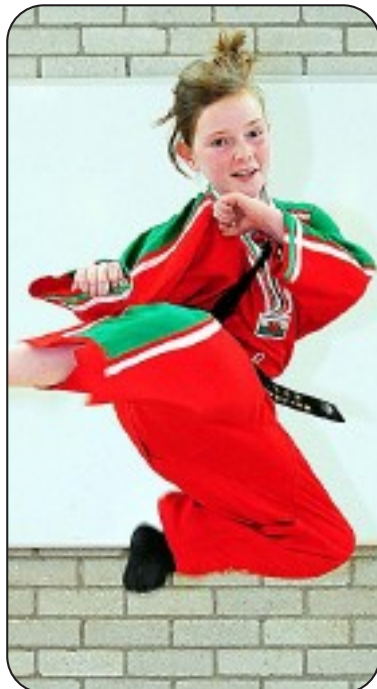
# BRYN HAFREN YOUNG SPORTS STARS ARE RECOGNISED FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

THE 2011 sports teams were recognised for their international and county honours at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School recently.

The headteacher, Mr Phil Whitcombe, praised the pupils and the sports department for its on-going dedication – not forgetting the invaluable support of parents too!

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IAN DIXON

Some pupils  
have represented  
Wales in their  
chosen sports.





## Errors condemn team to defeat

## Barrians slump against Sully

**BARRIANS** entertained Sully on a fine spring afternoon for only their third home game of the season.

The Sully forwards were dominant from the off, and despite playing against the elements in the first half, they had the advantage in territory and possession.

Barry winger Ashley Adams, who was curiously playing for the away side, scored early on to give Sully the lead.

This was further increased after Sully exploited a huge overlap on their left to give them a 12-point advantage.

The home side did have chances in their

**BARRIANS  
SULLY**

**5  
26**

opposition's twenty-two but lacked the ruthless cutting edge to finish off with points on the board.

This was perfectly demonstrated when scrum-half Jim Thorne, clean through, chose to run towards the posts and was tackled instead of just grounding the ball out wide.

The Barrian cause was not helped by their mediocre play in the breakdown area, with balls frequently lost in contact, although Nick Rolfe was having a fine game at the base of the scrum.

Shane Parker did bun-

dle over towards the end of the first half to reduce the deficit, but more handling errors after the break were capitalised by the away side, condemning the Barrians to a home defeat.

**Team:** Williams; Chow (c), Davies, Parker, Jenkins; Thorne, Bailey; Houldey, Bergeron, Lundy; Moffat, Tobin; Rendall, Jones, Rolfe. **Subs:** Case, Hosking, Dop, J Thomas, M Thomas, Palmer, O'Riordan.

**Man-of-the-match:** Rolfe.

**KC**



### THE Vale of Glamorgan Schools under-11s lost to Bridgend in the late stages of a well-fought match at the Old Penarthians ground on a sunny and windy Saturday morning.

The teams had met each other earlier in the season and Bridgend had come away narrow winners then by 12-10, so a close game was on the cards.

The first half was evenly matched, with Bridgend using their useful outside-half to good effect, dummying well and feeding his pacy backline, being marshalled by fierce tackling by Sam Corkhill, Fin Davies and Cameron Roy.

The Vale backs were not be outdone and hit back with determined running from Harrison Ashby and Rhodri Hopkins on the flanks, and great counter attacking from Joseph Williams, and centres Bevan Howell and Rhyddian Williams, while the half-backs of Ioan Williams and Rhys Bradshaw kept the Bridgend back row and their opposite numbers guessing.

Some great tackling by both Jack Roberts and Bevan Howell gained possession for

the Vale and when they decided to use their effective forwards from a tap penalty, the Vale kept the ball well through four ruck phases but unfortunately knocked on, losing possession.

From the resulting scrum, the Bridgend backs ran hard only for a wayward pass to be plucked from the air by Ashby, who ran 50 metres to score under the posts. Howell converted to make the score 7-0 at half-time.

Bridgend soon hit back in the second half and when the Vale tried to clear their lines, the Bridgend back three ran back well and their impressive flanker Lewis beat two tacklers to score. The conversion was missed, keeping the Vale ahead by two.

Bridgend soon found themselves camped in the Vale 22 and from a scrum, they kept the ball in contact, scored near the posts; and converted for a 12-7 lead.

Chasing the game with only one minute remaining, the Vale restarted only to find Bridgend had other ideas about who should score next and a strong run by their flanker saw him score in the corner to make the final score 7-19 to Bridgend.

In the clubhouse afterwards, captains gave their speeches of

## Vale under-11s are just pipped in quarter-final

**LEFT: Rhyddian Williams moves the ball out wide..**



**Captain Durlucia backed up by his pack.**

thanks to fellow players, coaches, parents, caterers and referee.

**Vale squad:** Jake Griffiths, Max Lucas, Finlay Davies, Max Cunningham, Cameron Roy, Sam Corkhill, Jack Roberts, Rhys Durlucia (captain), Ioan Williams, Rhys Bradshaw, Bevan Howell, Rhyddian Williams, Rhodri Hopkins, Harrison Ashby, Joseph Williams, Dan Holden, Rhys Jones, Ioan Lewis, Ben Jones.

**DW**

## Players picked to tour South Africa

**TOM MERILAHT and Mike Lloyd of Cowbridge have been selected by the South Wales Cricket Association to take part in its tour to South Africa in February 2013.**

Obviously last season's form was noticed in places other than Cowbridge. Between

them, they scored more than 1,200 runs and took 20 catches.

Also, Tom took 26 wickets with his particular brand of leg spin.

A spokesman said: "The club is delighted that two of its players have been recognised in such an outstanding way. It is hoped that they can perform even better next season."

**DL**

## CADOXTON TAE KWON DO AT WELSH MASTERS

**ON Sunday, March 13, the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do attended the first of a series of six Welsh Masters Grand Prix tournaments.**

Thomas Haysham and Lucy Newman got us off to a good start by taking second and third places in the pattern section. Once the patterns were over, the point and continuous sparring categories got under way.

Competing for the first time were young Cameron Williams, Dafydd Jones and Demi Baker. Cameron went on to take first in continuous sparring and second in the point sparring, while Dafydd took second in the continuous.

Demi Baker gave a good account of herself, just losing out on a medal

by one point during extra time.

Liam Rees worked hard to come away with third place in the point sparring, while Matthew Bennett took the silver and second in the continuous sparring.

Lucy Newman took second place, with Hayley Matthey taking third in the point sparring sections.

Continually improving, Cian Allen came first in point and third in continuous sparring, while Shannon Haysham took second in point and third in continuous sparring.

Having some hard fights, Morgane Gomez Jones eventually came away with second place in both the point and continuous sparring.

Competing in the point sparring sections, Charlotte Sullivan took first place and the gold.

In their separate age groups, Ollie Tipples and Thomas Haysham took the gold in both the point and continuous sparring, while Bradley Halford took gold in the point and silver in the continuous sparring.

Eighteen-year-old Jamie Halford competed in both the youth (17-21 years of age) and the men's point sparring sections and came away with first place in both categories.

The club are now in serious training for the world games which are being held in Cardiff in August and are actively seeking sponsors for this event.

For further information and training times, telephone 01446 406372 or 07811 934079.

**RON THOMAS**

## Tennis star Alex serves for success!

**BARRY'S junior tennis player Alex Hamer was put through his paces after taking part in the Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) national talent ID finals at the National Tennis Centre, Roehampton.**

The nine-year-old was one of 100 youngsters from across the south invited to the session at the National Tennis Centre after successfully progressing through county and regional talent ID days to make the final week.

Alex showed off his skills in front of the LTA Talent ID team who were aiming to spot future performance players, who, even at such an early age, were displaying the right attributes that could enable them to make a real impact on the game.

The Romilly Primary School pupil said: "I really liked all the activities and the atmosphere at the regional ID days so was excited about today. The sprinting is my favourite part and it's been great to play against other players from across the country."

The day was overseen by LTA head of talent management, Andrew



**ABOVE: Alex Hamer.**

Lewandowski, who was impressed by what he saw: "Alex has performed really well and shown lots of ability across a number of different tasks testing qualities including athletic ability, coordination, speed and agility and has shown a real natural talent and love for the sport."

## The Rhoose under-12s tame Park Lions

**RHOOSE used the wind to their advantage in the first half with Cameron Leach and Daniel Cope both having good efforts on goal.**

Rhoose took the lead when Jay Munn played in Josh Morgan, who rounded two defenders before finding the net.

In the second half, Park Lions pressurised the Rhoose goal and goalkeeper Michael Wilson was called into action on several occasions.

Central defenders Matt Cottingham and Ryan Hughes made some strong challenges and timely interceptions.

Park Lions equalised with a well worked move. Both sides went for the win with Rhoose

defenders Patrick O'Carroll and Edward Thomas having to work hard. Lee Bartlett was unlucky to have a well struck effort blocked on the line.

With minutes remaining, Jordan Holt played a through ball into the path of Mitch McCabe, who hit an unstoppable left foot drive into the roof of the net which proved to be the winner.

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## Cowbridge B team are 'squashed' to the lower leagues

**COWBRIDGE A Bar 44 rounded off their season with a highly commendable 3-2 win at Rhiwbina to establish themselves as a force to be reckoned with at the South Wales Division One B level.**

Meanwhile, B team Bar 44 failed in their task to retain South Glamorgan Division One status by going down 1-4 to league winners Barry Leisure A.

A team skipper Nick Guard reminded his men that a single point from their week 10 fixture at Rhiwbina would mean safety, but also that a big points margin win against the second-placed club could mean promotion!

No 5 Niall Sloan started strongly against his teenage opponent, going into a 2-0 lead only to lose his way and end up second-best in a five-setter.

Simon Payne levelled the match with a solid 3-1 at No 4, finishing strongly to take the fourth set 9-1.

Garfield Leask man-

aged to level his match at 1-1 but could not quite find that extra gear to close out on the highly competitive Rhiwbina No 3 Chris Powell, losing out 7-9, 4-9 in the third and fourth games.

The fighting qualities of this team were exemplified by Nos 1 and 2, Nick Guard and Jon Bisson. Both returning 3-1 wins, Guard dropped the third game while Bisson came back from losing a poor first match.

The result was 16-10, giving rise to a league position just seven points adrift of their league runners-up opponents.

Recent results and a controversial walkover awarded to Rhiwbina had given rise to Cowbridge B requiring 14 points from their final match against league leaders Barry Leisure A to avoid relegation - a tall order indeed, especially with regular No 2 Chris Ranger missing from the line-up.

Brave performances by Paul Reymish (No 1) and Richie Ford (No 2) saw the former taking the first set in his match before ending up sec-

ond best, while Ford won two 10-9 tie breaks, and was 6-1 up in the fifth before going down 7-9.

Cowbridge B man of the match was Colin Baxter, who blew away his No 4 opponent to win 9-6, 9-0, 9-1.

Unfortunately, Julian Jenkins (No 3) and Russ Watts (No 5) could not match this performance and were outplayed in their 0-3 results.

The match score was 7-16; not enough to reach safety and so the team take the drop to South Glamorgan Division Two, hoping to bounce back in the autumn session.

The Cowbridge C Shampan match versus Cardiff University B had to be postponed owing to Varsity day for the students.

Meanwhile, the coming weeks see Cowbridge squash activities take on a more domestic slant, with the onset of the club singles and doubles tournaments.

All squash details from club chairman Clive Prigg (01446 773729) or club skipper russ.watts@bropen-world.com.

**RW**



# Trophies are presented at swimming club's evening

**BARRY** Amateur Swimming Club held its 85th AGM and presentation evening recently at Market Street Sports and Social Club.

Mrs Heulwen Cooper, club chairperson, opened the meeting by welcoming life members of the club, Mr Ray Owens and his wife Sheila, Mr Glynn Davies, Mr Geoff Doonan, Mrs Stephanie Cody, Mrs Jen Wilcox, Mrs Cherrie Temple and Mrs Trudi Phillips.

Heulwen talked about the success of the club during the year and the sad loss of some swimmers who have emigrated or gone on to swim at a higher level with other clubs.

Changes to the constitution were discussed and voted in, as were members of the committee.

Sadly, Louise Hamer, who had been club secretary for a short time, stood down due to other commitments, but Cheryl Hopkins volunteered to take on this role.

The club is in desperate need for more helpers to help run the club, as everyone who helps with the club is a volunteer.

Heulwen thanked the coaches of the club for all their hard work and dedication to the club as a few of them don't even have children swimming with the club anymore.

These included Mr Paul Buckle, who has taken parts of the role of chief coach; Mike Looker, who takes the older swimmers, as well as Barrie Crompton, Peter Lewis, Mark Currie, Simon Insole, Kay Rogers, Gemma Ewington, Martin Harris; also some of the older swimmers who have been helping pool-side, Jonathan Hagggett and Lindsay Kerslake - without these the club would not be able to run.

Club captains for 2011-2012 were announced after voting took place in February.

The swimmers voted



*The 9-10 year old trophy and medal winners, (Back Row) James Hamer, Luke Birnage, Grace Insole and Justina Simpson, (Front Row) Sam Smith, Shaun Bowden, Mollie Hopkins and Bethan Williams*



*PICTURED: (Back Row) Teresa Wheeler, Paul Buckle, Jonathan Bowden, Justina Simpson and Eftion Goodland. (Front Row) Grace Insole, Bethan Williams, Ellie Ingram and Ashley Gulwell.*

that Rhys Perry and Lindsay Kerslake should be captains, and Kieran Knowles and Georgia Looker vice captains; well done to all of you, as this is such a big honour.

This year, our trophies were presented to the swimmers by Justina Simpson, who organised 'Lengths for Life', the sponsored swim our club took part in at the same time as the postal swim recently.

Mark Currie and Ellie

Ingram presented Justina with a cheque for 'Lengths for Life' for a grand total of £1,040, of which coach Mark Currie raised just over £260.

Jacob Davies presented her with some flowers as a thank you for attending the event.

The main event of the night was to present the trophies and medals that were won at the club championships held last November.

The swimmers were

excited to receive their trophies and medals as they had something to show for their hard work and training.

Also during the evening, the special trophies were presented. After coming second in all his events, Ashley Gulwell finally received a trophy for 'best runner up' with a total of 25 points, which is the maximum, to a very loud cheer.

Ellie Ingram and Bethan Williams shared the girls' with 25 points, while Ellie Ingram and Connor Grant won the 'best girl and boy newcomer' trophy for their determination and their enormous improvement in a relatively short time with the club.

The 'best novice trophies' went to joint girls winners Grace Insole and Amy McAndrew, and Declan Ewington (boys) for their improvement during their time with the club.

Eftion Goodland and Jonathan Bowden received 'most improved

swimmer' for their competitive ability and performance which has improved significantly during the past year.

The next few trophies were presented to the helpers of the club for their hard work and dedication.

The loyalty cup went to Paul Buckle for all his work poolside with the younger swimmers.

Teresa Wheeler won the ladies' Kings Lynn cup for all the hard work she puts into the club.

Lady club member of the year went to Gemma Ewington for her hard work poolside, while men's club member of the year went to Mark Currie, who turns out each week to coach.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club is always looking for new members to join the club so if you would like a trial, please phone Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784; we swim at Barry Leisure Centre and Cardiff International Pool.

TW

## Competition is so close...



*Barrie Melhuish, Tony McCarthy, Kevin Latham, Bryan Wadham and Gwyn Thomas.*

## FARMER GWYN IS SO UNLUCKY AS BRYAN PIPS HIM

**MEMBERS** of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society gathered last Thursday for their monthly meeting at the Glamorganshire Golf Club in Penarth, kindly sponsored by Hire One Ltd.

This famous club which, in October 1890, became the first to introduce golf to south-east Wales, has since produced three Welsh amateur champions and is steeped in history.

Readers may like to know it was at the Glamorganshire on September 30, 1898, that the late Dr Frank Barney Gorton Stableford first introduced the stableford method of scoring when he tried it out on fellow members. This system is now utilised and revered by amateur golfers the world over.

It is also probable that no other golf club in the world can lay claim to have hosted so many great rugby players, as the famous Barbarians rugby football club were regular visitors to this hospitable club every Easter from 1901 to 1966.

It is also recorded that it was the inspiration and expertise of their members that helped create several other courses in south Wales, notably Radyr and Southerndown.

At one stage last Thursday, it looked as if another piece of history was about to be made.

News filtered back to the clubhouse that Vale farmer Gwyn Thomas was about to secure his first-ever major trophy. Needing just a par on the intimidating closing hole, popular member Gwyn would surely have achieved this objective but for a wayward tee shot on the final hole.

Unfortunately for Gwyn, conscious of the proximity of the clubhouse on the left of the green, his tee shot became entangled with

the branches of some of the 40 foot high trees to the right of the green.

A double bogey on this hole to finish with 32 stableford points proved costly, taking Gwyn from first to third place, just one point behind runner-up Tony McCarthy and two points behind overall winner Bryan Wadham, who finished with 34 points. This was Bryan's first individual success since 2003 when he was successful on three occasions. Mike Lee finished fourth.

### Despair for John and Martin

A bad day at the office for John Davies and Martin David was rewarded by the steward of the host club, Brian Williams, who, in addition to offering a free counselling service, also provided both with best endeavour prizes.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Keith Walker, Bryan Wadham, Bryan Owen, Dai John, Clive Thomas and Tosh Taylor, who was also successful by winning the 'James Hog

Roasts' sponsored longest drive competition.

Barrie Melhuish, with just 27 points, won the guest section, two more than Rev David Smith who was runner-up.

Sponsors' representative Kevin Latham returned home with the 'Premier Turf' sponsored bottle of whisky when correctly guessing 15 balls would fail to make the journey home, which raised £100 for the Samaritans Purse captain's charity.

Society president Geraint Davies presided over the evening's official presentation ceremony standing in for Neil McLean and David Harris, both enjoying a well earned rest following their sterling efforts the previous month.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28 at Cradoc Golf Club near Brecon, when members will be competing for their own version of the Walker Cup, proudly sponsored by Cowbridge solicitors Gaskell & Walker.

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## B Attack show 'Howe' to win

**B ATTACK** knew just 'Howe' to move towards mid-table in an extremely congested Bridgend Sunday six-a-side league last week - Greg Howe proving the difference as they squeaked a potentially vital 3-2 victory over Croissants.

There was a quite astonishing game in division one. Few had been expecting fireworks as mid-table rivals Hardly Athletic and Minter Phoenix clashed, certainly Phoenix couldn't have been expecting an 8-1 loss as Jay Williams got among the goals.

LFEC are moving in the right direction in the Bridgend six-a-side league, and won what might be a crucial base-

ment battle with Hangover Heroes 4-2. Jeremy Griffiths starred in that one, while Gavin Davies did likewise as Beer Attack beat FC Ogmory by the only goal.

FC Falcons are not giving up the Cardiff six-a-side league title without a fight, and are second only on goal difference after beating CC Allstars 11-3 as Luke Bowen starred.

They now need to beat Riverside on the last day and hope that leaders Tudor Motors slip up - although they are showing little signs of that and crushed Penarth Panthers 6-0 to remain at the summit.

Anyone who wants to join the six-a-side football leagues in South Wales can ring 0845 230 2340 or visit [www.leisureleagues.net](http://www.leisureleagues.net).



*ABOVE: Mark Currie, Ellie Ingram, and Jacob Davies presenting the cheque for 'Lengths for Life' to Justina Simpson.*

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# Atlantic College 10K race draws young and old – and those raising funds for charity!

THE Atlantic College 10K run took place on March 20 in ideal conditions for the competitors – and those who just wanted to participate.

As you can see from the images there were people young and old, those from around the globe, and some individuals taking the opportunity to raise money for deserving causes like Help for Heroes. (Please see below for the results).

## PHOTOGRAPHS BY GLYN EVANS



## Atlantic College 10k running results

THE results of the Atlantic College 10k race on March 20 were:

Pos	Time	Pos All	Name	Race No	Club	Pos
<b>Atlantic College (female):</b>						
1	49.08	232	Cecilia Karlsson	232	AC Student	148
2	50.31	175	Anette Plassen	181	AC Student	175
3	53.12	215	Natscha Vogel	269	AC Student	215
<b>Atlantic College (Male)</b>						
1	39.33	39	So Nakayama	179	AC Student	39
2	40.18	45	Pjotr Sauer	217	AC Student	45
3	43.58	80	Mais Gabriel Johansen	428	Atlantic College	80
<b>Atlantic College Staff</b>						
1	41.36	52	Paul Belcher	49	AC Staff	52
2	42.44	62	Kyle Jennermann	274	Atlantic College	62
3	43.41	75	Ruth Pickvance	279	Atlantic College	75
<b>Female Vet 35-44</b>						
1	39.39	41	Sharon Leech	60	Carmarthen Harriers	41
2	43.45	77	Sally Wilson	316	Ingli	77
3	44.30	87	Charlotte Johns	360	Brackla Harriers	87
<b>Female Vet 45-54</b>						
1	39.41	43	Melanie Ellis	92	Shaftesbury Barnet	43
2	42.33	59	Kim Wehden	426	Islwyn	59
3	45.15	93	Debbie Cooke	165	Bridgend AC	93
<b>Female Vet 55+</b>						
1	43.49	78	Dawn Kenwright	314	Sarn Helen	78
2	50.22	172	Gwyneth Parry	396	Unattached	172
3	50.45	178	Yvonne Williams	110	Penarth and Dinas	178
<b>Ladies under-35</b>						
1	36.09	16	Anne-Marie Hutchinson	299	Neath	16
2	37.23	18	Natasha Cockram	371	Cwmbran	18
3	37.33	21	Kate Roberts	386	Bridgend AC	21
<b>Male Vet 40-49</b>						
1	33.12	4	Austin Davies	104	Brecon Athletics Club	4
2	33.38	5	Julian Baker	340	Les Croupiers	5
3	33.52	6	Phil Cook	439	Les Croupiers	6
<b>Male Vet 50-59</b>						
1	35.59	14	Scott Howell	155	Les Croupiers	14
2	36.06	15	Alan Davies	352	Unattached	15
3	37.32	20	Mick McGeogh	130	Les Croupiers	20
<b>Male Vet 60+</b>						
1	38.40	30	Richard Marks	433	Sarn Helen	30
2	39.08	35	Sandy Johnston	442	Les Croupiers	35
3	44.05	81	Gary Gunner	48	Croft Ambery	81
<b>Men under-39</b>						
1	31.23	1	Rowan Axe	139	Cardiff AAC	1
2	31.28	2	Afan Humphries	292	Swansea	2
3	31.37	3	Richard Garder	424	Unattached	3





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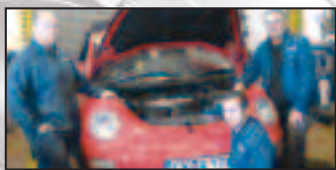
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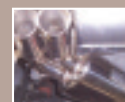
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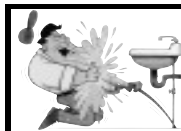
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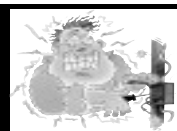
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**VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
**(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)**  
**ACT 1982 AS AMENDED BY**  
**SECTION 27 OF THE POLICING**  
**AND CRIME ACT 2009**



**CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG**  
**DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL**  
**(DARPARIAETHAU AMRYWIOL)**  
**1982 FEL Y'Y DIWYGIWYD GAN**  
**ADRAN 27 O DDOEDD PLISMONA**  
**A THROSEDD 2009**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2011 Vale of Glamorgan Council (the Council) passed a resolution that the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 ("The Act") as amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 shall apply to the Vale of Glamorgan Council with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011.

The effect of this resolution is that the Vale of Glamorgan Council will be able to regulate sex establishments. Any person wishing to operate a sex establishment as defined by Schedule 3 requires a sex establishment licence, unless the requirement for a licence has been waived by the Council.

Local people will have a greater say over the regulation of these premises.

Sex establishments are sexual entertainment venues, sex cinemas or sex shops.

A sexual entertainment venue means any premises at which relevant entertainment is provided before a live audience for the financial gain of the organiser or the entertainer. Relevant entertainment may include lap dancing, strip shows and table dancing or other similar forms of entertainment as decided on a case by case basis.

Adoption will also ensure applications for sex establishments are considered and activities are appropriately controlled under the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Licensing regime.

Further information is available at [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) or by contacting the Licensing Section on 01446 709105 or email [Licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

**HYSSYBIR TRAWY HYF** fod Cyngor Berdestrael Bro Morgannwg ("y Cyngor") ar 26 Chwefror 2011 wedi penderfynu mabwysiadu Awdren 3 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Darpariaethau Amrywiol) 1982 ("y Ddeddf"), fel y'i dywygiwyd gan Adran 27 o Ddeddf Plismona a Throesedd 2009. Daw i rym ar 1 Mehefin 2011.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
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**ACT 1982**



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The resolution will have effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011.

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Dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011

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# GEM Family Notices

## Birthdays

### Norman Wilkinson



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## Family Notices

### DAVIES Phyllis (Phyl)

The family would like to thank everyone for their support, kindness and prayers and also for the many cards and messages of condolence.  
They would also like to thank everyone who attended and were involved with the services at Llanblethian Church and Coychurch Crematorium, including Thomas Brothers Funeral Directors of Cowbridge for their help with the arrangements.

### BARLEY Lucy

Formerly of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex and latterly Llantwit Major, South Wales. Died peacefully at The Rise Care Home, Dawlish, Devon on 29 March 2011 with her family at her side.  
Beloved wife of the late Basil and mother of Carol and Mette, grandmother of Kirsty and Hannah and mother-in-law of David Cotgrove and Dave Cartwright.  
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The Funeral Service will be held in St Paul's Chapel, Exeter & Devon Crematorium on Thursday 7th April at 11.15am.  
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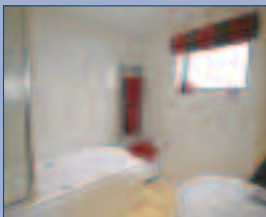
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# TEAM TAKE TITLES AT SPORTSHALL EVENT

**PUPILS representing Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools have enjoyed a number of notable successes at the Welsh Sportshall Finals since the event was re-organised in 2005.**

The format has returned to eight competing teams, with each team based on the school districts used for Welsh Schools' track and field and cross-country competitions.

As long ago as 2006, Oliver Trotman (Cowbridge), now in year-13 but then in year-8, was invited to the UK finals as a wild card in the under-13 standing long jump.

For the following two years, the district's under-15 boys teams, which included Cowbridge pupils, won their section at the Welsh Sportshall and qualified directly to the UK finals, and, in 2010, another Vale year-8, George Griffiths, became the second Cowbridge pupil to receive a wildcard invitation to the UK Sportshall finals, where he set a new benchmark by winning the under-13 boys event with a new Welsh record of 2.69 metres.

Even given that record, no-one could quite believe the results of the Cardiff and the Vale boys team at this year's Aviva Welsh Sports Hall at Cwmbran in early March.

The team, selected after competitions held at Whitchurch High in January and February, was organised by Miss Sarah Moore and Mr Joe Sage of Willows, while Mr Glan Williams, a huge enthusiast for sportshall for many years, was the team manager.

In the under-15 boys competition, for years 9 and 10, there was possibly slight disappointment for year-9 George Griffiths (Cowbridge) in a team drawn largely from Cardiff High School.

Although he will be pleased by his 8.18 metres leap to take top spot in the standing long jump – a performance which is short of Paul Samaden's Cardiff and the Vale best of 8.48m – and he will be relieved at his 'normal style' shot performance of 11.52 metres following a difficult standing throw competition, the 24.3 seconds clocking in the two laps event – a performance which ranked only sixth equal on the day – will grate a little.

In terms of points, 39 in the two laps, 42 for the shot and 50 in the standing triple jump gave an overall score of 131, which was good enough for third place

behind two north Walian year-10 pupils – Connor Lavery (North West) and Luke Ward (North East).

With the Cardiff and the Vale squad winning the 4 x 2 laps relay and finishing second in the two-boy eight-lap paarlauf, plus placing three athletes in the top seven in the individual competition, with a fourth scorer at 15th, the first surprise of the day was a team win with 638 points, 18 points ahead of second-placed Powys.

That first team success was followed by an unprecedented second.

The under-13 boys team included one winner from 2010 – Tom Trotman (Cowbridge), one of Oliver's younger brothers, who had won the four laps event.

This year, he contested the two laps and high jump events and won both with encouraging performances, to claim 64 points.

Backing that up were top three performances from Kristian Jones (four laps), Rian Thomas (six laps and standing long jump), and Ellis Rosser (six laps), plus victories for the 4 x 2 laps and eight laps two-boy paarlauf, and bronze medal runs from the obstacle and 4 x 1 laps relay squads – the outcome was a first ever team win, with a huge total of 740 again seeing off the challenge from Powys.

In the girls' events, the top performance was set by Raddy's Claire Taylor. The year-9 pupil hit new heights in winning the under-15 all rounder title – the first time that a Cardiff and the Vale girl has won this title. Helping that team to second place behind Dyfed were three Cowbridge girls – Izzy Eddy-Williams, Caitlin Allin and Sarah Lewis.

At under-13, the top Vale performance was set by Maya Bell (Cowbridge) with her 2.15 metres leap in the standing long jump, which gained second place and the event silver medal.

So the curtain came down on the Aviva Welsh Sportshall finals with Cardiff and the Vale taking two boys' team titles and the under-15 girls' all-rounder win, but now a chapter opens. Mr Glan Williams organised teams of 12 under-13 boys and seven under-15 boys, plus Claire Taylor, to travel up to the National Exhibition Centre outside Birmingham on Sunday, April 3, to compete in the Aviva UK Sportshall finals. It was a huge, new experience, and the competition was very, very hard.

Results of Vale pupils competing for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan (unless stated) – under-15 Boys –



**Izzy Eddy Williams (Cowbridge) on her debut in the under-15 girls all-rounder competition.**

Years 9 and 10 – Team: - 1st (638).

3rd George Griffiths (Cowbridge) 131 (2 Laps – 24.3 (39); Shot – 11.52m (42); Standing Triple Jump – 8.18m (50); 4 x 2 Laps relay – 1st – 1:35.9 (80); 8 Lap Paarlauf – 2nd – 1:48.1 (70).

Under-13 boys – Team: - 1st (740) – Years 7 and 8 – Tom Trotman (Cowbridge) 64 (2 Laps – 1st – 24.7 (32); High Jump – 1st – 1.55m (32); Kristian Jones (Cowbridge) 58 (4 Laps – 1st – 53.8 (32); Speed Bounce – 4th – 66 (26)); Rian Thomas (Cowbridge) 58 (6 Laps – 2nd – 1:29.2 (30); Standing Long Jump – 3rd – 2.17m (28)); Ellis Rosser (Cowbridge) 48 (6 Laps – 3rd – 1:30.5 (28); Vertical Jump – 7th – 46cm (20)); Daniel Oddy (Cowbridge) 20 (Shot – 7th – 7.16m (20)); Nathan Robson (Cowbridge) 24 (Shot – 5th – 9.16m (24)); Harrison Stevens (Cowbridge) 26 (Vertical Jump – 4th – 49 (26)); 4 x 2 Laps relay – 1st – 1:43.5 (80); 4 x 1 Lap relay – 3rd – 53.6 (60); Obstacle relay – 3rd – 1:29.7 (60); 8 Lap Paarlauf – 1st – 1:54.9 (80).

Under-15 Girls – Years 9 and 10 – Team: - 2nd (547); 8th Izzy Eddy Williams (Cowbridge) 116 (4 Laps – 60.0 (30); Speed Bounce – 75 (40); Standing Long Jump – 2.21m (44); 15th Caitlin Allin (Cowbridge) 102 [2 Laps – 26.9 (36); Speed



**Year-8 Rian Thomas (Cowbridge) added to his cross-country performances with medals in both the six laps and standing long jump.**



**Cowbridge year-8 Tom Trotman was winner of the under-13 two laps and high jump.**

Bounce – 75 (40); Vertical Jump – 43cm (26)); 20th Sarah Lewis (Cowbridge) 89 (2 Laps – 28.4 (20); Speed Bounce – 71 (25); Vertical Jump – 48cm (44)); 4 x 2 Laps relay – 4th – 1:48.6 (50); 8 Lap Paarlauf – 4th – 2:01.0 (40). Competing for Glamorgan Valleys – 38= Alice Nottingham (Stanwell) 54 [4 Laps – 62.8 (18); Speed Bounce – 66 (12); Standing Long Jump – 1.95m (24)].

Under-13 Girls – Years 7 and 8 – Team: - 4th (532); Molly Brown (Llantwit) 41 (2 Laps – 7th – 28.1 (20); Speed Bounce – 66 (21)); Ela Emyr (Cowbridge) 22 [4 Laps – 12th – 63.9 (10); Vertical Jump – 11th – 39 (12)]; Seren Marsh (Stanwell) 22 [6 Laps –



**Nathan Robson (Cowbridge) finished fifth in the under-13 shot.**



**George Griffiths (Cowbridge) third in the under-15 boys all rounder competition.**

9th – 1:45.0 (16); Standing Long Jump – 14th – 1.75m (6)); Maya Bell (Cowbridge) 48 (6 Laps – 1:42.3 (18); Standing Long Jump – 2nd – 2.15m (30)); Tamara Pitt (Llantwit) 24 [High Jump – 5th – 1.25m (24); Brooke Langton-Cryer (Cowbridge) 22 (Shot – 7.35m (22)); 4 x 2 Laps relay – 4th – 1:54.7 (50); 4 x 1 Lap relay – 5th – 57.6 (40); Obstacle relay – 4th – 1:32.4 (10); 8 Lap Paarlauf – 7th – 2:12.4 (20). Competing for Glamorgan Valleys – Ellie Eddy-Williams (Cowbridge) 31 (4 Laps – 9th – 63.2 (15); Standing Long Jump – 2.01m – 9th (16)).

**Report PETE MORRIS**  
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## Barry Tigers show off their new kit

**BARRY Celt's Tigers under-11s are pictured with their new kit, kindly sponsored by Matthew Sage of Sage Roofing; also in the photo is Darren Perry, team coach.**

With the team going up to under-

12s next year we will be looking for more players; for information, please contact Darren on 01446 406896.

We are also looking for players who are currently in year-4 for next season's under-10s.

MB

## A hectic weekend at St Andrews Golf Club

**THE golfing season started with a packed weekend at St Andrews Major Golf Club.**

The occasional shower did not deter the attendance of both members and guests for the 'crazy gang' monthly medal on Saturday, with Phil Fidler taking the honours with a net score of 70 and Mark Weaver and I Francis with 73.

Sunday's events included the ladies' April medal, won by Lynne Peters, and the 'Sunday swingers' stableford competition won by John Lock; but the main event of the weekend was the seniors medal competition, which attracted an excellent turn out, and for the first time, included several of the club's lady members.

Some unexpected good weather produced some very good results with top honours in the seniors medal going to John Lock, overall winner with a net 64 (second half of the weekend), G W Thomas, overall runner-up with a net 67 and Alvin Brown, overall third with a net 69.

With Sunday also being Mother's Day, the

restaurant catered for over 260 members and visitors who enjoyed the special three course meal prepared by the club chef, Gareth Dommett and his hard working staff.

Membership continues to grow steadily, especially in the juniors section with many talented youngsters starting to emerge.

The seniors section is also developing with the seniors captain, Roger Parsons, arranging more competitions to take place on weekends and midweek.

Preparations are also well under way for the

annual sponsors cup day where we invite local businesses to enter a four ball team, playing stableford, where the best three scores on each hole count.

This year we have some fantastic prizes and places are strictly first come, first served and limited to just twenty teams.

Please contact John Lock on 07737 562465 or alternatively, full details can be found on the members' website [www.samgolfclub.com](http://www.samgolfclub.com).

## 'Ton' comeback leaves Wick as the runners-up

**Mid Glamorgan District League Division 1**

<b>WICK</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>TONMAWR Seconds</b>	<b>22</b>

**THE visit of Tonmawr was crucial to both sides as the result of the game would decide the league runners-up place for the season.**

During the first quarter of the match, both sides were equally balanced, with Paul Creed opening the scoring for the home side with a penalty which was answered by the visitors.

The breakdown area was ferocious, and that showed on open side flanker Luke McNaughton, who required stitches.

With the use of the wind, Wick took control with two tries from back row forward Morgan Thomas, taking his season's try count into double figures. Both were converted by Paul Creed, while wing Aaron Haines scored an

unconverted try which gave Wick a 22-3 lead at half-time.

Tonmawr used the second half to stage a strong fightback, opening with two tries, one of which was converted, to bring them back into the match.

The Wick defence held firm until captain Dave Edbrooke had to leave the field with a dislocated elbow and in the closing moments of the game, the visitors scored a try which, with a superb touchline conversion, ended the match in the draw.

With honours shared it was Wick who claimed the runners-up spot in the league for the season.

Now that the league programme has been completed, Wick now must focus for May 7, when they will meet Tondur in the final of the District Cup.

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## Barry under-9s end their season on high with win

**BARRY under-9s played their last league game of the season at home against a strong and larger Rhiwbina team which was always going to be a tough test!**

Barry started with a series of tries; however, Rhiwbina fought back hard and were rewarded with some fine individual tries.

The Barry pack retained possession, but a few silly mistakes allowed Rhiwbina to come back.

There was a fine display of attack from Max, who scored two

tries, and this was then followed by a great finish from Mason and another try saving tackle.

Louie finished off a well executed try with a pass from Sam.

Calvin tackled well and showed his determination and strength to score in the corner, followed by a strong run from Ryan to score and put Barry ahead.

The final try came from Barry's Powell, the match finishing with a 7-5 win to Barry.

Barry remained the top finishers of the league, only losing one match all season.

A huge thank you goes out to all the players who have been a pleasure to coach and who have played consistently well and, more importantly, shown a fantastic attitude and behaviour in training each week; let's make sure we keep it up for next season.

**Under-9 squad: Joel, Coops, Jake, Jacob, Max, Ryan, Louie, Calvin, Sam, Rhys P, Rhys A, Morgan, Taylor, Conner W, Conner, Mason, Daniel, Scott and newcomers James, Rydian and Dylan.**

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# GREAT RESULTS FOR RHYTHMIC GYMNASTS AT BARRY'S YMCA

**THE rhythmic gymnastics section at the Barry YMCA have topped their results from last year with some impressive recent performances.**

The season started with the squad trials in February, and the club entered 10 girls across the two squad trials, starting with the preparation squad for gymnasts under the age of 12, followed by the national squad trials for older gymnasts.

Megan McIntyre regained her space in the national squad and was joined by team mate Gemma Frizelle, who only started rhythmic gymnastics one year ago, and has made excellent progress within the club.

Freya Evans regained her space in the preparation section, and was joined by team mates Joanna Hourihan and Elen Williams.

Girls across the squads have also been invited to attend weekly training with national choreographer Ioana Popova to improve their competi-

tion performance.

Retired club member Lorelei Westcott has been selected as one of the preparation coaches, passing on her knowledge and experience to the younger gymnasts.

The club would like to extend congratulations to the following gymnasts who also took part; Chloe Johns, Ffion Byrne, Seren Cummings, Daisy Connolly and Lowri McIntyre.

The club then moved forwards to the grades competition which took place on March 26 in the Welsh Institute of Sport.

In this event, gymnasts compete at different grades according to age and can achieve a pass, merit or distinction level.

Gymnasts achieving merits progress onto the first stage of the British competition circuit advancing to the British grades finals in May, and gymnasts achieving distinctions coupled with passing a flexibility test advance to the prestigious British championships in June.

In the youngest age group (grade 6), Chelsea George (10) competed with rope, ball and free

routines and achieved a pass.

At grade 7 (age 11) Seren Cummings, Joanna Hourihan and Megan McIntyre competed with ball, hoop and free routines.

Seren passed, Joanna gained a merit and will compete for the second year at the British grades finals, and Megan achieved a distinction and will once again represent the club at the British championships.

In Grade 8, the first year juniors Chloe Johns, Shanay Jenkins, Tayla Gerrish and Gemma Frizelle had four routines with apparatus (hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon); all the girls passed, and Gemma Frizelle showed great improvement from last year's competition to receive a merit and progress to the British grades finals.

Second year juniors Ffion Byrne and Elle Gwatkin both passed at grade 9, and senior gymnast Cody Byrne passed her grade 10.

Alongside the grades, a competition for gymnasts under the age of 10 was held and the Barry YMCA used the event to give competition experience to youngsters Elen Williams, Daisy Connolly and Freya Evans.

Lowri McIntyre joined



ABOVE: The Barry YMCA gymnasts

her teammates to compete as a group in the group free and ball category.

The team placed third in free and second in ball, gaining more experience at working together in competition.

The club is now focusing on the next competition – the novice and intermediate championships where, last year, four Welsh champions were crowned from the Barry YMCA; the club

will enter all competitive gymnasts over the age of 8.

The club coaches Fay Benningwood and Emma Thompson would also like to congratulate Rhianedd Dancy, Lorelei Westcott, Sarah Williams and Anne Thomas, who all completed their first level rhythmic gymnastics coaching award.

Sarah and Anne have worked especially hard for the award; as parent

volunteers they have no background in the sport and have been a great help recently within the club structure, helping with coaching and organisation of gymnasts.

Rhianedd and Lorelei are both retired competitive gymnasts at the club, and it is great to have them on board to pass on their knowledge and experience; well done to you all!

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# GEM sport

## Bridgend RFC are the champions!

*Bridgend RFC celebrate their league victory.*



## TITLE GLORY FOR THE RAVENS

BRIDGEND RFC (the Ravens) have won the SWALEC League One West title, and celebrated by beating Felinfoel RFC 85-3 at home in front of their excited fans.

SWALEC, the national community partner of the Welsh Rugby Union, sponsors the SWALEC Leagues and, to mark the success of Bridgend RFC, presented the victorious team with a trophy, champagne and winners' board following the game.

Full SWALEC league results can be found on [www.wru.co.uk/774.php](http://www.wru.co.uk/774.php)

## Kenfig Hill are too strong for these Sisters!

*RIGHT: Rhodri Clark breaking the tackle.*



*Tom Briggs on the way to his try.*  
PHOTOS BY PETER GILLING

**Kenfig Hill Firsts**  
THE match started with a bang with a brilliant try by Kenfig Hill full-back Raymond Evans.

He caught the ball from the kick-off and ran from his own 25, totally wrong-footing the entire Seven Sisters team to score, and outside-half Nicky Giles converted.

Minutes later, Kenfig Hill took a scrum against the head, the back row took the ball forward and centre Chris Tossell completed the move with a try.

Sisters came back into the game but again the Kenfig Hill defence was resolute with some crunching tackles close to the line. Kenfig Hill then took another scrum against the head and scrum-half Mark Jenkins darted over for a try.

The second half did not start well for the Mules with back row Steve Gillard yellow-carded and Sisters outside-half Kyle Lewis scored from the resulting penalty.

Kenfig Hill were then reduced to 13 men with a yellow card for hooker Karl Davies, Lewis again punishing the transgression. This saw the Kenfig Hill defence in fine form as Sisters tried to gain advantage, but the Mules' defence was solid, particularly Shaun Burnell and Matthew Tossell.

Sisters managed to score a try just as Gillard returned, with prop Ian Watts barging over the line. At this point, Karl

Davies returned to the fray and Kenfig Hill went up a gear and blew the visitors away.

Gillard charged down an attempted clearance kick and followed up to score. Prop Gavin Jenkins then powered over for a try, converted by Giles, while substitute scrum-half Tom Briggs glided through the Sisters' defence, again converted by Giles, and Raymond Evans made another sensational break to go over for his second try, with Giles completing the scoring with a conversion.

This gave a final score of **Kenfig Hill 43, Seven Sisters 11**. This was a fine all round performance by Kenfig Hill with full-back Raymond Evans named as man of the match and Mark Jenkins winning the Prince of Wales medal for two.

**Penygraig 2nd XV 7 Kenfig Hill 2nd XV 21**  
A DEPLETED Mules XV made the journey into the Rhondda Valley and came away with a well deserved victory over Penygraig.

The Mules had a bare

15, which included coach Mark Jones, who gave a sprightly display on the left wing. Penygraig played with the wind and slope in the first half and took an early lead with a converted try.

The Mules were struggling to obtain any first phase ball against the heavier Penygraig forwards and, to counter this, the Mules forwards and backs ran the ball into the wind at all times, which gradually wore down their bigger opponents.

Playing an attacking brand of rugby resulted in the Mules crossing for two well-taken first half scores for Mark Jones, who ran strongly to score in the corner, which he converted from the touchline himself, and also for centre Alan Brace, who was constantly a thorn in the Penygraig backline with his strong tackling and aggressive running.

However, the standout moment of the first half was a tackle from prop Lewis David who chased down one of the Penygraig backs to halt a certain score. His actions typified the spirit of the Mules.

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## Bridgend Athletic's unbeaten run ends against Bonymaean

BRIDGEND Athletic's best ever run in Division

One came to an end at Parc Mawr with a 35-21 defeat at the hands of Bonymaean. They had remained undefeated in the league since September 30.

The home side got off to a flier when a favourable bounce saw them collect the ball from the kick off, and swift handling saw full back Paul Williams cross in the corner.

Bonymaean extended their lead when a fly half through from broken play saw full back Richard Williams win the race to touch down.

The Athletic thought they had scored when wing Lloyd Pemberton crossed in the corner.

However, the result saw Pemberton penalised when he disagreed with the referee that he had grounded the ball.

Pemberton then made a 60-metre break, resulting in a try for the supporting centre Rob Coles. Outside half Steve Lewis converted.

Williams then kicked a penalty for the home side to give Bonymaean a 13-7 half time lead.

Centre Paul Davies crossed for the third Bonymaean try, which was quickly followed by

**Bonymaean 35**  
**Bridgend Athletic 21**

a penalty try. Williams converted both to extend the Bonymaean lead to 27-7.

The Athletic showed great character to keep their heads up and were rewarded when Pemberton crossed for a legitimate try, converted by Lewis. Centre Stuart Morris then crossed for a third Athletic try, again converted by Lewis, to bring the Athletic back into the game at 27-21.

Williams, with his hat-trick try and a second penalty, completed the scoring. Reflecting on the game Bonymaean took their chances and had the rub of the green, but the Athletic battled bravely throughout.

The Athletic have a chance for revenge

when they entertain Bonymaean on Wednesday, April 20 at Newbridge Fields (kick off 6.30pm).

Next up this Saturday, April 9, is a home game against second placed Corus; followed on April 16 by an eagerly-awaited derby home fixture with run-away league champions Bridgend Ravens.

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